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                                                                  PEDIGREE CHART

                                                                   16 Feb 1999                                              Chart no. 1


                                                                                                                   32 Adam GORDON-4742-----------------
                                                                                 16 John GORDON-4743-----------------|
                                                                                  | B: Abt    1710                 33 |---------------------------------
                                              8 Thomas GORDON Major-747-----------| D:        1756
                                               | B: Abt    1735                   |                                34 ----------------------------------
                                               | P: ,Prince William,VA           17 Ruth R.-4753---------------------|
                                               | M: Bef    1756   --208             B: Bef    1718                 35 |---------------------------------
           4 Thomas GORDON Jr.-744-------------| P:                                 D: Aft    Apr 1773
            | B:        1773/1774              | D:  2 Jun 1808                                                    36 ----------------------------------
            | P: ,Newberry,SC                  | P: Newberry Ordin.,Newberry,SC 18 ----------------------------------|
            | M:   --206                       |                                  | B:                           37 |---------------------------------
            | P:                              9 Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748-----------| D:
            | D:        1814/1817                B:                               |                              38 ----------------------------------
            | P: ,Jones,GA                       P:                              19 |--------------------------------|
            |                                    D: Aft 22 Dec 1820                 B:                           39 |---------------------------------
      2 John Wheeler GORDON General-709------    P:                                 D:
       |    | B: Abt    1797                                                                                     40 ----------------------------------
       |    | P: ,,SC?                                                           20 ----------------------------------|
       |    | M:        1817/1818   --198                                         | B:                           41 |---------------------------------
       |    | P: ,,Ga?                       10 ----------------------------------| D:
       |    | D:    May 1868                   | B:                               |                              42 ----------------------------------
       |    | P: Vineville(Macon),Bibb,GA      | P:                              21 |--------------------------------|
       |                                       | M:                                 B:                           43 |---------------------------------
       |   5 Sarah WHEELER?-745----------------| P:                                 D:
       |       B: Abt    1769                  | D:                                                              44 ----------------------------------
       |       P: ,,VA                         | P:                              22 ----------------------------------|
       |       D: Aft    1850                  |                                  | B:                           45 |---------------------------------
       |       P: ,,TX                       11 |---------------------------------| D:
       |                                         B:                               |                              46 ----------------------------------
       |                                         P:                              23 |--------------------------------|
       |                                         D:                                 B:                           47 |---------------------------------
 1 Martha Elizabeth (Bell) GORDON-475---         P:                                 D:
       | B:       1824/1826
       | P: ,Jones,GA
       | M: 15 Oct 1854   --132                                                                                  48 William SANFORD I-4662------------
       | P: Atlanta,Fulton,GA                                                    24 William SANFORD II-4655-----------|                                 2
       | D: 18 Feb 1898                                                           | B: Abt    1706                 49 Jemimah-4663---------------------
       | P: Sorrel Plant.,Wharton,TX             12 William SANFORD III-3459------| D: 14 Oct 1783
       |Richard Henry D SORREL-474-----           | B:    Apr 1734                 |                               50 ----------------------------------
       | Spouse                                   | P: ,Loudoun,VA               25 Barbara-4656----------------------|
       |                                          | M: 19 Feb 1760   --997          B:                           51 ----------------------------------
       |   6 Jesse SANFORD Captain-749------------| P: ,Loudoun,VA                  D:        1797
       |    | B:  3 Jan 1764                      | D: 17 Dec 1806                                                 52 ----------------------------------
       |    | P: ,Loudoun,VA                      | P: ,Baldwin,GA               26 ----------------------------------|
       |    | M: Abt    1793   --209              |                               | B:                           53 |---------------------------------
       |    | P: ,Greene,GA                      13 Rachel MEDFORD-3460-------------| D:
       |    | D: 18 Feb 1827                         B: 26 Dec 1739                 |                              54 ----------------------------------
       |    | P: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA            P: ,,VA                     27 |--------------------------------|
       |                                             D:                             B:                           55 |---------------------------------
      3 Martha Cook SANFORD-710--------------        P: ,Baldwin,GA                 D:
            | B: Abt    1800                                                                                     56 Henry MITCHELL-4852---------------
            | P: ,,GA                                                            28 Thomas MITCHELL-4848--------------|
            | D: 20 Oct 1853                                                      | B:  3 Aug 1722                 57 Tabitha BRANCH-4853---------------
            | P: Spanish Camp,Wharton,TX         14 John MITCHELL-767-------------| D:    Jan 1762                                                   3
            |                                     | B: 25 Aug 1748                |                                58 John GOODWYNE-4854----------------
            |                                     | P: ,Sussex,VA               29 Amey GOODWYNE-4849----------------|
            |                                     | M:    --212                     B: 31 Aug 1732                 59 Winifred TUCKER-4855--------------
           7 Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750-------| P:                              D: 14 Jan 1776
               B: Abt    1772                     | D:  3 Jan 1804                                                 60 John THWEATT-6475-----------------
               P: ,Dinwiddie,VA                   | P: ,Hancock,GA              30 James THWEATT-4850----------------|
               D: 23 Feb 1827                     |                              | B: 12 Mar 1722                 61 Judith-6476----------------------
               P: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA       15 Sarah THWEATT-768-------------| D: Bef    Jan 1758
                                                     B:                           |                              62 ----------------------------------
                                                     P: ,Dinwiddie,VA           31 Sarah STURTEVANT-4851-------------|
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                                                     P: ,Hancock,GA                 D:
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                                                                  16 Feb 1999                                                  Chart no. 2

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          4 Richard SANFORD-6085--------------| P:                                 D:
           | B: Abt    1616                    | D:                                                               36 ----------------------------------
           | P: Exeter,Devonshire,,England     | P:                            18 ----------------------------------|
           | M: Abt    1641   --1757           |                                  | B:                            37 ----------------------------------
           | P: ,,,England                   9 ----------------------------------| D:
           | B: 28 May 1654                     B:                                |                               38 ----------------------------------
           | P: Exeter,Devonshire,,England      P:                             19 ----------------------------------|
           |                                    D:                                  B:                            39 ----------------------------------
     2 Robert SANFORD Sr.-1118--------------    P:                                  D:
      |    | B:       1646                                                                                        40 ----------------------------------
      |    | P: Exeter,Devonshire,,England                                     20 ----------------------------------|
      |    | M:    --1755                                                         | B:                            41 ----------------------------------
      |    | P:                               10 ----------------------------------| D:
      |    | D:       1700                     | B:                               |                               42 ----------------------------------
      |    | P: ,Westmoreland,VA               | P:                            21 ----------------------------------|
      |    |                                   | M:                                 B:                            43 ----------------------------------
      |   5 Mary-6086------------------------| P:                                 D:
      |      B: Abt    1620                    | D:                                                               44 ----------------------------------
      |      P: Exeter,Devonshire,,England     | P:                            22 ----------------------------------|
      |      D:                                |                                  | B:                            45 ----------------------------------
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      |                                         D:                                  B:                            47 ----------------------------------
1 William SANFORD I-4662---------------         P:                                  D:
      | B: Abt    1670
      | P: ,Westmoreland,VA
      | M:    --1153                                                                                              48 ----------------------------------
      | P:                                                                     24 ----------------------------------|
      | D: 24 Nov 1748                                                            | B:                            49 ----------------------------------
      | P: ,Westmoreland,VA                   12 ----------------------------------| D:
      |Jemimah-4663-------------------         | B:                               |                               50 ----------------------------------
      | Spouse                                 | P:                            25 ----------------------------------|
      |                                        | M:                                 B:                            51 ----------------------------------
      |   6 ---------------------------------| P:                                 D:
      |    | B:                                | D:                                                               52 ----------------------------------
      |    | P:                                | P:                            26 ----------------------------------|
      |    | M:                                |                                  | B:                            53 ----------------------------------
      |    | P:                               13 ----------------------------------| D:
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      |    | P:                                 P:                             27 ----------------------------------|
      |    |                                    D:                                  B:                            55 ----------------------------------
     3 Anna-1117----------------------------    P:                                  D:
           | B:                                                                                                   56 ----------------------------------
           | P:                                                                28 ----------------------------------|
           | D: Aft    1720                                                       | B:                            57 ----------------------------------
           | P: ,,VA                          14 ----------------------------------| D:
           |                                   | B:                               |                               58 ----------------------------------
           |                                   | P:                            29 ----------------------------------|
           |                                   | M:                                 B:                            59 ----------------------------------
          7 ---------------------------------| P:                                 D:
             B:                                | D:                                                               60 ----------------------------------
             P:                                | P:                            30 ----------------------------------|
             D:                                |                                  | B:                            61 ----------------------------------
             P:                               15 ----------------------------------| D:
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Chart no. 3

Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. 57 on chart no. 1

1 Tabitha BRANCH-4853
B:
P: ,Henrico,VA
M: --1349
P:
D: 14 Jan 1752
P: Albermarle Par.,Sussex,VA
Henry MITCHELL-4852
Spouse

2 Thomas BRANCH Jr.-6493
B: Abt 1658
P: ,Henrico,VA
M: Bef Oct 1688 --1848
P: ,Henrico,VA
D: 1728
P: ,Henrico,VA

3 Elizabeth ARCHER-6494
B: Abt 1660
P: Bristol Par.,Henrico,VA
D:
P:

4 Thomas BRANCH Sr.-6505
B: May 1624
P: ,Henrico,VA
M: Abt 1650 --1849
P: ,Henrico,VA
D: 1694/1695
P: ,Henrico,VA

5 Elizabeth GOUGH-6506
B: Abt 1623
P: ,Henrico,VA
D: Aug 1697
P: Varina,Henrico,VA

6 George ARCHER-6512
B:
P:
M: --1851
P:
D: Bef 1668
P: ,Henrico,VA

7 Elizabeth HARRIS-6513
B:
P:
D: 1663
P:

8 Christopher BRANCH-6514
B: 1602
P: ,,,England
M: 2 Sep 1619 --1852
P: St. Peter's,W,L,England
D: 1681/1682
P: ,Henrico,VA

9 Mary ADDIE-6515
B:
P: Darton,Yorkshire,,England
D:
P: ,,VA

10 Matthew GOUGH Capt.-6511
B:
P: ,,,England
M: --1850
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D: Aft 1643
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16 Lionel BRANCH-6520
B: 1566
D: 1605

17 Valentia SPARKES-6521
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18 Francis ADDIE-6522
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32 William BRAYNCH-6610

33 Katherine JENNINGS-6611

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AHNENTAFEL CHART

1st GENERATION

1 Martha Elizabeth (Bell) GORDON-475: b 1824/1826 ,Jones,GA; d 18 Feb 1898 Sorrel Plant.,Wharton,TX

2nd GENERATION

2 John Wheeler GORDON General-709: b Abt 1797 ,,SC?; m 1817/1818 ,, Ga?; d May 1868 Vineville(Macon),Bibb,GA
3 Martha Cook SANFORD-710: b Abt 1800 ,,GA; d 20 Oct 1853 Spanish Camp, Wharton,TX

3rd GENERATION

4 Thomas GORDON Jr.-744: b 1773/1774 ,Newberry,SC; d 1814/1817 ,Jones, GA
5 Sarah WHEELER?-745: b Abt 1769 ,,VA; d Aft 1850 ,,TX
6 Jesse SANFORD Captain-749: b 3 Jan 1764 ,Loudoun,VA; m Abt 1793 , Greene,GA; d 18 Feb 1827 Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
7 Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750: b Abt 1772 ,Dinwiddie,VA; d 23 Feb 1827 Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA

4th GENERATION

8 Thomas GORDON Major-747: b Abt 1735 ,Prince William,VA; m Bef 1756; d 2 Jun 1808 Newberry Ordin.,Newberry,SC
9 Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748: d Aft 22 Dec 1820
12 William SANFORD III-3459: b Apr 1734 ,Loudoun,VA; m 19 Feb 1760 , Loudoun,VA; d 17 Dec 1806 ,Baldwin,GA
13 Rachel MEDFORD-3460: b 26 Dec 1739 ,,VA; d ,Baldwin,GA
14 John MITCHELL-767: b 25 Aug 1748 ,Sussex,VA; d 3 Jan 1804 ,Hancock, GA
15 Sarah THWEATT-768: b ,Dinwiddie,VA; d ,Hancock,GA

5th GENERATION

16 John GORDON-4743: b Abt 1710 ,Prince William,VA; d 1756 ,Newberry,SC
17 Ruth R.-4753: b Bef 1718; d Aft Apr 1773
24 William SANFORD II-4655: b Abt 1706; d 14 Oct 1783 ,Westmoreland,VA
25 Barbara-4656: d 1797 Lunenburg Parish,Richmond,VA
28 Thomas MITCHELL-4848: b 3 Aug 1722 Albermarle Par.,Sussex,VA; m Mar 1747 ,Surry,VA; d Jan 1762 ,Sussex,VA
29 Amey GOODWYNE-4849: b 31 Aug 1732 ,Surry,VA; d 14 Jan 1776
30 James THWEATT-4850: b 12 Mar 1722 ,Prince George,VA; d Bef Jan 1758 , Dinwiddie,VA
31 Sarah STURTEVANT-4851

6th GENERATION

32 Adam GORDON-4742: b ,,,Scotland
48 William SANFORD I-4662: b Abt 1670; d 24 Nov 1748
49 Jemimah-4663: d 28 Jun 1743
56 Henry MITCHELL-4852: b Abt 1694; d 27 Mar 1754 Albermarle Par., Sussex,VA
57 Tabitha BRANCH-4853: b ,Henrico,VA; d 14 Jan 1752 Albermarle Par., Sussex,VA

58 John GOODWYNE-4854: b 1711; d 1754
59 Winifred TUCKER-4855
60 John THWEATT-6475: b ,,VA; m Abt 1720 ,,VA; d 1758 ,Prince George,VA
61 Judith-6476

7th GENERATION

96 Robert SANFORD-1118: b 1646 Exeter,Devonshire,,England; m Abt 1670 ,Westmoreland,VA; d 1700 ,Westmoreland,VA
97 Mary-1117: b Abt 1650 ,Westmoreland,VA
114 Thomas BRANCH Jr.-6493: b Abt 1658 ,Henrico,VA; m Bef Oct 1688 ,Henrico,VA; d 1728 ,Henrico,VA
115 Elizabeth ARCHER-6494: b Abt 1660 Bristol Par.,Henrico,VA

8th GENERATION

192 Richard SANFORD-6085: b Abt 1616 Exeter,Devonshire,,England; m Abt 1641 ,,,England; bu 28 May 1654 Exeter,Devonshire,,England
193 Mary-6086: b Abt 1620 Exeter,Devonshire,,England
228 Thomas BRANCH Sr.-6505: b May 1624 ,Henrico,VA; m Abt 1650 ,Henrico,VA; d 1694/1695 ,Henrico,VA
229 Elizabeth GOUGH-6506: b Abt 1623 ,Henrico,VA; d Aug 1697 Varina,Henrico,VA
230 George ARCHER-6512: d 1668
231 Elizabeth HARRIS-6513: d 1663

9th GENERATION

456 Christopher BRANCH-6514: b 1602 ,,,England; m 2 Sep 1619 St. Peter's,Westcheap,London,England; d 1681/1682 ,Henrico,VA
457 Mary ADDIE-6515: b Darton,Yorkshire,,England; d ,,VA
458 Matthew GOUGH Capt.-6511: b ,,,England; d Aft 1643 ,,VA

10th GENERATION

912 Lionel BRANCH-6520: b 1566 Abingdon,,Oxfordshire,England; m 8 Jul 1596 St. Martin,Ludgate,London,England; d 1605 ,,,England
913 Valentia SPARKES-6521: b ,,,England; d ,,,England
914 Francis ADDIE-6522: b ,,,England; d Bef 1619 ,,,England

11th GENERATION

1824 William BRAYNCH-6610: b ,,,England; m ,,,England; d Aft 1602 Abingdon,,Oxfordshire,England
1825 Katherine JENNINGS-6611

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Chart no. 1

1 Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750
B: Abt 1772
P: ,Dinwiddie,VA
M: Abt 1793 --209
P: ,Greene,GA
D: 23 Feb 1827
P: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
Jesse SANFORD Captain-749
Spouse

2 John MITCHELL-767
B: 25 Aug 1748
P: ,Sussex,VA
M: --212
P:
D: 3 Jan 1804
P: ,Hancock,GA

3 Sarah THWEATT-768
B:
P: ,Dinwiddie,VA
D:
P: ,Hancock,GA

4 Thomas MITCHELL-4848
B: 3 Aug 1722
P: Albermarle Par.,Sussex,VA
M: Mar 1747 --1347
P: ,Surry,VA
D: Jan 1762
P: ,Sussex,VA

5 Amey GOODWYNE-4849
B: 31 Aug 1732
P: ,Surry,VA
D: 14 Jan 1776
P:

6 James THWEATT-4850
B: 12 Mar 1722
P: ,Prince George,VA
M: --1348
P:
D: Bef Jan 1758
P: ,Dinwiddie,VA

7 Sarah STURTEVANT-4851
B:
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8 Henry MITCHELL-4852
B: Abt 1694
P:
M: --1349
P:
D: 27 Mar 1754
P: Albermarle Par.,Sussex,VA

9 Tabitha BRANCH-4853
B:
P: ,Henrico,VA
D: 14 Jan 1752
P: Albermarle Par.,Sussex,VA

10 John GOODWYNE-4854
B: 1711
P:
M: --1350
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D: 1754
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11 Winifred TUCKER-4855
B:
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12 John THWEATT-6475
B:
P: ,,VA
M: Abt 1720 --1847
P: ,,VA
D: 1758
P: ,Prince George,VA

13 Judith-6476
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18 Thomas BRANCH Jr.-6493
B: Abt 1658
D: 1728

19 Elizabeth ARCHER-6494
B: Abt 1660
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36 Thomas BRANCH Sr.-6505

37 Elizabeth GOUGH-6506 2

38 George ARCHER-6512 3

39 Elizabeth HARRIS-6513

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                              8 William BRAYNCH-6610--------------| D:
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                                | P: ,,,England     17 --------------------------------|
                                | M:    --1878          B:                     35 --------------------------------
        4 Lionel BRANCH-6520----------------| P: ,,,England     D:
          | B:       1566       | D: Aft   1602                                   36 --------------------------------
          | P: Abingdon,,O,England  | P: Abingdon,,O,England   18 --------------------------------|
          | M:  8 Jul 1596   --1853 |                          | B:             37 --------------------------------
          | P: St. Martin,Ludgate,,England 9 Katherine JENNINGS-6611-----------| D:
          | D:       1605        B:                            |                38 --------------------------------
          | P: ,,,England        P:                        19 --------------------------------|
          |                      D:                           B:                39 --------------------------------
    2 Christopher BRANCH-6514--------------    P:             D:
      |   | B:       1602                                                       40 --------------------------------
      |   | P: ,,,England                                  20 --------------------------------|
      |   | M:  2 Sep 1619   --1852                           | B:              41 --------------------------------
      |   | P: St. Peter's,W,L,England   10 --------------------------------| D:
      |   | D:       1681/1682      | B:                      |                 42 --------------------------------
      |   | P: ,Henrico,VA          | P:                   21 --------------------------------|
      |   |                         | M:                        B:              43 --------------------------------
      |  5 Valentia SPARKES-6521-------------| P:              D:
      |     B:                      | D:                                        44 --------------------------------
      |     P: ,,,England           | P:                   22 --------------------------------|
      |     D:                      |                         | B:              45 --------------------------------
      |     P: ,,,England        11 --------------------------------| D:
      |                              B:                       |                 46 --------------------------------
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      |                              D:                       B:                47 --------------------------------
1 Thomas BRANCH Sr.-6505---------------  P:                    D:
    | B:    May 1624
    | P: ,Henrico,VA
    | M: Abt    1650   --1849                                                   48 --------------------------------
    | P: ,Henrico,VA                                        24 --------------------------------|
    | D:       1694/1695                                      | B:              49 --------------------------------
    | P: ,Henrico,VA               12 --------------------------------| D:
    |Elizabeth GOUGH-6506-----------  | B:                     |               50 --------------------------------
    | Spouse                         | P:                   25 --------------------------------|
    |                                | M:                       B:              51 --------------------------------
    |   6 Francis ADDIE-6522----------------| P:              D:
    |     | B:                       | D:                                       52 --------------------------------
    |     | P: ,,,England            | P:                   26 --------------------------------|
    |     | M:    --1854             |                        | B:              53 --------------------------------
    |     | P:                    13 --------------------------------| D:
    |     | D: Bef    1619           B:                     |                   54 --------------------------------
    |     | P: ,,,England            P:                   27 --------------------------------|
    |     |                          D:                       B:                55 --------------------------------
  3 Mary ADDIE-6515----------------------  P:              D:
      | B:                                                                      56 --------------------------------
      | P: Darton,Yorkshire,,England                         28 --------------------------------|
      | D:                                                    | B:              57 --------------------------------
      | P: ,,VA                   14 --------------------------------| D:
      |                              | B:                     |                 58 --------------------------------
      |                              | P:                   29 --------------------------------|
      |                              | M:                       B:              59 --------------------------------
     7 --------------------------------| P:                    D:
       B:                            | D:                                       60 --------------------------------
       P:                            | P:                   30 --------------------------------|
       D:                            |                        | B:              61 --------------------------------
       P:                         15 --------------------------------| D:
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          4 ----------------------------------| P:                                 D:
           | B:                               | D:                                                               36 -----------------------------------
           | P:                               | P:                            18 -----------------------------------|
           | M:                               |                                  | B:                            37 -----------------------------------
           | P:                             9 -----------------------------------| D:
           | D:                                 B:                               |                               38 -----------------------------------
           | P:                                 P:                            19 -----------------------------------|
           |                                    D:                                 B:                            39 -----------------------------------
     2 Matthew GOUGH Capt.-6511-------------    P:                                 D:
      |    | B:                                                                                                  40 -----------------------------------
      |    | P: ,,,England                                                    20 -----------------------------------|
      |    | M:    --1850                                                        | B:                            41 -----------------------------------
      |    | P:                            10 -----------------------------------| D:
      |    | D: Aft    1643                   | B:                               |                               42 -----------------------------------
      |    | P: ,,VA                          | P:                            21 -----------------------------------|
      |    |                                  | M:                                 B:                            43 -----------------------------------
      |   5 ----------------------------------| P:                                 D:
      |      B:                               | D:                                                               44 -----------------------------------
      |      P:                               | P:                            22 -----------------------------------|
      |      D:                               |                                  | B:                            45 -----------------------------------
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1 Elizabeth GOUGH-6506-----------------         P:                                 D:
      | B: Abt    1623
      | P: ,Henrico,VA
      | M: Abt    1650   --1849                                                                                  48 -----------------------------------
      | P: ,Henrico,VA                                                        24 -----------------------------------|
      | D:    Aug 1697                                                           | B:                            49 -----------------------------------
      | P: Varina,Henrico,VA               12 -----------------------------------| D:
      |Thomas BRANCH Sr.-6505---------        | B:                               |                               50 -----------------------------------
      | Spouse                                | P:                            25 -----------------------------------|
      |                                       | M:                                 B:                            51 -----------------------------------
      |   6 ----------------------------------| P:                                 D:
      |    | B:                               | D:                                                               52 -----------------------------------
      |    | P:                               | P:                            26 -----------------------------------|
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1-- Adam GORDON-4742
    2-- John GORDON-4743 (1710)
     sp-Ruth R.-4753 (1718)
        3-- Thomas GORDON Major-747 (1735)
         sp-Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748
            4-- Ruth GORDON-4518 (1765)
             sp-Samuel OTTERSON-4762 (1754)
                5-- Rebecca OTTERSON-4815
                5-- Methana OTTERSON-4816
                5-- Sidney OTTERSON-4817
                5-- Mary OTTERSON-4818 (1786)
                5-- Cynthia OTTERSON-4819 (1787)
                5-- John OTTERSON-4820
                5-- James OTTERSON-4821 (1790)
                5-- Samuel OTTERSON Jr.-4822 (1792)
                5-- Thomas G. OTTERSON-4823
                5-- Ruth OTTERSON-4824
                5-- Sarah OTTERSON-4825
                5-- Nancy OTTERSON-4826
            4-- Benjamin GORDON-4519 (1765)
             sp-Mary-4763
                5-- John C. GORDON-4764 (1788)
                5-- Thomas GORDON-4765 (1790)
                5-- Elizabeth GORDON-4766 (1793)
                5-- Jesse G. GORDON-4767 (1795)
                5-- William GORDON-4768 (1797)
                5-- Ruth Rebecca GORDON-4769 (1800)
                5-- Samuel O GORDON-4770 (1802)
                5-- Mary GORDON-4771 (1805)
            4-- Jesse GORDON Sr.-4516 (1767)
             sp-HARDY-4772
                5-- Jesse GORDON Jr.-4773
                5-- Thomas H. GORDON-4774 (1804)
            4-- Eli GORDON Sr.-4517 (1772)
             sp-Rebecca CALDWELL-4775 (1775)
                5-- John Caldwell GORDON-4776 (1796)
                5-- Thomas GORDON-4777 (1799)
                5-- Valentine GORDON-4778 (1802)
                5-- Abraham GORDON-4779 (1804)
                5-- Mary Caldwell GORDON-4780 (1807)
                5-- Elizabeth GORDON-4781 (1810)
                5-- Eli GORDON Jr.-4782 (1814)
                5-- Monroe GORDON-4783 (1817)
                5-- Rebecca Ann GORDON-4784 (1820)
            4-- Thomas GORDON Jr.-744 (1774)
             sp-Sarah WHEELER?-745 (1769)
                5-- Thomas GORDON III-746 (1797)
                 sp-Patience A. W. LAWSON-4827
                5-- John Wheeler GORDON G-709 (1793)
                 sp-Martha Cook SANFORD-710 (1800)
                    6-- Mary Ann GORDON-711 (1819)
                    6-- Martha E GORDON-475 (1825)
                     sp-Bennett BELL-4494 (1810)
                     sp-Richard Henry D SORREL-474 (1825)
                        7-- John Gordon F SORREL-476 (1855)
                         sp-Martha Amy M GORDON-723 (1856)
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                            8-- Gordon SORREL-724 (1876)
                             sp-Malcolm R. MCGREGOR-4722
                        7-- Francis D SORREL-477 (1857)
                        7-- Richard Henry D SORREL-730 (1858)
                         sp-Sarah Massey HARRISON-731 (1875)
                            8-- Francis (Frank) SORREL-732 (1898)
                             sp-Katherine KNAPP-737 (1908)
                            8-- Marcial SORREL II-734 (1905)
                             sp-Virginia FRENCH-741
                            8-- Martha SORREL-735 (1909)
                             sp-Richard Basil LACK-4493 (1900)
                            8-- Richard Henry D SORREL-4492
                        7-- Marcial SORREL-478 (1860)
                        7-- Aminta Douglass SORREL-479 (1861)
                        7-- Moxley SORREL-19 (1865)
                         sp-Moye WICKS-18 (1855)
                            8-- Moye WICKS Jr.-775 (1885)
                            8-- Sorrel WICKS-783 (1886)
                            8-- Madeleine WICKS-776 (1888)
                             sp-Robert Joseph KENNEDY-2379 (1883)
                            8-- Muriel WICKS-777 (1890)
                             sp-Joseph W. BRADLEY-2920 (1882)
                            8-- Marion WICKS-8 (1892)
                             sp-John Joseph FREYMANN M.D.-7 (1889)
                            8-- Mervyn WICKS-779 (1893)
                            8-- Murray WICKS-782 (1895)
                            8-- Mildred "Meeky" WICKS-778 (1897)
                             sp-Floyd L. BECK-3456
                            8-- Melville (Frank) WICKS-780 (1899)
                             sp-Gladys PAINE-2929 (1903)
                            8-- Moxley Sorrel D WICKS-781 (1903)
                             sp-Hugh J. DUGGAN-3447 (1900)
                            8-- Douglas Sorrel J WICKS-784 (1907)
                             sp-Kathryn RICE-3452 (1907)
                    6-- Sarah Jane GORDON-712 (1827)
                     sp-Philip Augustus WRAY-716 (1818)
                     sp-William Henry RIVES D-717 (1816)
                        7-- William Henry RIVES Jr.-721 (1854)
                         sp-Alice B TAYLOR-4525 (1856)
                            8-- Tom Christopher RIVES-4526 (1892)
                             sp-Annie Hollan SPANN-4527 (1896)
                        7-- John Gordon RIVES-720 (1856)
                        7-- Martha Amy M RIVES-718 (1859)
                        7-- George Mason RIVES-719
                    6-- Jesse Sanford GORDON-713 (1830)
                     sp-Sarah Jane DUNCAN-4523 (1830)
                        7-- Duncan GORDON-4524 (1853)
                    6-- John Wheeler GORDON Jr.-714 (1831)
                     sp-Frances Amy F MCCAMLEY-722 (1834)
                        7-- John W. GORDON III-4521 (1852)
                        7-- Frederick C GORDON-4522
                        7-- Martha Amy M GORDON-723 (1856)
                         sp-John Gordon F SORREL-476 (1855)
                            *** SEE PAGE 1 FOR CHILDREN ***
                         sp-Robert Bell HUSTON-725 (1849)
                            8-- Claire Camille HUSTON-726 (1882)
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                            8-- Lamar HUSTON-4721 (1884)
                            8-- Fannie Bell HUSTON-727 (1887)
                            8-- Annie Laurie HUSTON-728
                            8-- Winnie HUSTON-729
                    6-- William S. GORDON-4520 (1835)
                    6-- Camilla M. GORDON-715 (1836)
                     sp-Eugene M SANFORD-771 (1833)
        3-- John GORDON Jr.-4754 (1736)
        3-- Benjamin GORDON-4755 (1738)
        3-- Ruth GORDON-4756 (1740)
         sp-Jacob BROWN Col.-4785 (1736)
            4-- Jacob BROWN II-4786 (1761)
            4-- Benjamin BROWN-4787 (1763)
            4-- Thomas BROWN-4788 (1765)
            4-- John Gordon BROWN-4789 (1767)
        3-- William GORDON-4757 (1742)
         sp-Elizabeth-4790
            4-- William GORDON Jr.-4791
            4-- John GORDON-4792
            4-- Posey GORDON-4793 (1775)
            4-- Cassandra C GORDON-4794 (1777)
        3-- Govin GORDON-4758 (1747)
         sp-Sarah CLARK-4795
            4-- Govin GORDON Jr.-4796 (1779)
            4-- Andrew GORDON-4797
            4-- Rebecca GORDON-4798
            4-- Ruth GORDON-4799
            4-- Violet GORDON-4800
            4-- Hannah GORDON-4801
            4-- James GORDON-4802
        3-- George GORDON-4759 (1752)
         sp-Elizabeth-4803
            4-- John GORDON Sr.-4804 (1780)
            4-- Thomas GORDON-4805 (1782)
            4-- Mary GORDON-4806 (1785)
            4-- Ann (Nancy) GORDON-4807 (1787)
            4-- Ruth White GORDON-4808 (1788)
            4-- William Stark GORDON-4809 (1789)
            4-- Rachel GORDON-4810 (1792)
            4-- Leah GORDON-4811 (1794)
            4-- Elizabeth GORDON-4812 (1797)
            4-- Milbrey GORDON-4813 (1801)
            4-- Lorren GORDON-4814 (1803)
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SANFORD

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  - Richard SANFORD-6085 (1616-1654)
 sp-Mary-6086 (1620)
    2-- William SANFORD-6087 (1642)
    2-- Samuel SANFORD-6088 (1644)
    2-- Robert SANFORD-1118 (1646-1700)
     sp-Mary-1117 (1650)
        3-- William SANFORD I-4662 (1670-1748)
         sp-Jemimah-4663 ( -1743)
            4-- William SANFORD II-4655 (1706-1783)
             sp-Barbara-4656 ( -1797)
                5-- Charles SANFORD-4657 (1732-1784)
                5-- William SANFORD III-3459 (1734-1806)
                 sp-Rachel MEDFORD-3460 (1739)
                    6-- Jesse SANFORD Captain-749 (1764-1827)
                     sp-Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750 (1772-1827)
                        7-- Mary G. SANFORD-753 (1796-1850)
                         sp-Thomas MOUGHON-4828
                            8-- Ann T. V. MOUGHON-4856 (1815)
                            8-- James Willingham MOUGHON-4857
                            8-- Henrietta S. MOUGHON-4858
                            8-- Maria Sanford MOUGHON-4829 (1818)
                            8-- William S. MOUGHON-4859
                            8-- Thomas H. MOUGHON-4860
                        7-- Elizabeth Taylor SANFORD-766 (1796-1858)
                         sp-Greene Hill JORDAN-4830 (1789)
                            8-- Jesse John JORDAN-4831 (1818)
                            8-- Burwell JORDAN-4861 (1821)
                            8-- Greene J. JORDAN-4862 (1830)
                        7-- John William Augustus SANFORD G-754 (1798-1870)
                         sp-Marianne Ridley BLOUNT-770 (1802-1879)
                            8-- Richard Augustus SANFORD-4873 (1823-1823)
                            8-- John William Augustus SANFORD-4872 (1825-1913)
                             sp-Sallie Maria TAYLOR-4877
                                9-- John William Augustus SANFORD I-4878
                            8-- Jesse SANFORD-4874 (1827-1828)
                            8-- Richard Henry SANFORD-4875 (1829-1841)
                            8-- Eugene Mandeville SANFORD G-771 (1833-1890)
                             sp-Camilla M. GORDON-715 (1836-1894)
                            8-- Theodore Gordon SANFORD-4876 (1835-1896)
                             sp-Mary SANFORD-4879
                                9-- Marianne Ridley SANFORD-4880 (1864)
                                9-- Eugene Mandeville SANFORD-4881 (1867)
                        7-- Martha Cook SANFORD-710 (1800-1853)
                         sp-John Wheeler GORDON General-709 (1797-1868)
                            8-- Mary Ann GORDON-711 (1819-1825)
                            8-- Martha Elizabeth (Bell) GORDON-475 (1824-1898)
                             sp-Bennett BELL-4494 (1810-1853)
                             sp-Richard Henry Douglass SORREL-474 (1825-1871)
                                9-- John Gordon F SORREL-476 (1855-1876)
                                 sp-Martha Amy (Mattie) GORDON-723 (1856-1914)
                                    10--Gordon SORREL-724 (1876-1955)
                                     sp-Malcolm R. MCGREGOR-4722
                                9-- Francis Des Rivieres SORREL-477 (1857-1876)
                                9-- Richard Henry D SORREL Jr.-730 (1858-1938)
                                 sp-Sarah Massey HARRISON-731 (1875-1958)
                                    10--Francis (Frank) SORREL-732 (1898-1981)
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                                      sp-Katherine KNAPP-737 (1908)
                                     10--Marcial SORREL II-734 (1905-1975)
                                      sp-Virginia FRENCH-741
                                     10--Martha SORREL-735 (1909-1987)
                                      sp-Richard Basil LACK-4493 (1900-1985)
                                     10--Richard Henry D SORREL III-4492
                                 9-- Marcial SORREL-478 (1860-1952)
                                 9-- Aminta Douglass SORREL-479 (1861-1866)
                                 9-- Moxley SORREL-19 (1864-1958)
                                  sp-Moye WICKS-18 (1855-1932)
                                     10--Moye WICKS Jr.-775 (1885-1967)
                                     10--Sorrel WICKS-783 (1886-1886)
                                     10--Madeleine WICKS-776 (1888-1992)
                                      sp-Robert Joseph KENNEDY-2379 (1883-1952)
                                     10--Muriel WICKS-777 (1890-1983)
                                      sp-Joseph W. BRADLEY-2920 (1884-1956)
                                     10--Marion WICKS-8 (1892-1994)
                                      sp-John Joseph FREYMANN M.D.-7 (1889-1964)
                                     10--Mervyn WICKS-779 (1893-1957)
                                     10--Murray WICKS-782 (1895-1900)
                                     10--Mildred "Meeky" WICKS-778 (1897-1972)
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                                     10--Melville (Frank) WICKS-780 (1899-1979)
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                                     10--Moxley Sorrel D WICKS-781 (1903)
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                                     10--Douglas Sorrel J WICKS-784 (1907-1990)
                                      sp-Kathryn RICE-3452 (1907-1991)
                             8-- Sarah Jane GORDON-712 (1827-1877)
                              sp-Philip Augustus WRAY-716 (1818-1851)
                                 9-- [child] WRAY-5586 (1847-1847)
                              sp-William Henry RIVES Doctor-717 (1816-1864)
                                 9-- William Henry RIVES Jr.-721 (1854-1922)
                                  sp-Alice Bloodworth TAYLOR-4525 (1856-1943)
                                     10--Janie Louise RIVES-4885 (1880)
                                     10--Ellen RIVES-4886 (1882)
                                     10--William Gordon RIVES-4888 (1885)
                                     10--Tom Christopher RIVES-4526 (1892-1973)
                                      sp-Annie Hollan SPANN-4527 (1896-1973)
                                     10--Richard Taylor RIVES-4887 (1893)
                                 9-- John Gordon RIVES-720 (1856-1894)
                                 9-- Martha Amy (Mattie) RIVES-718 (1859-1919)
                                 9-- George Mason RIVES-719 ( -1894)
                             8-- Jesse Sanford GORDON-713 (1830-1866)
                              sp-Sarah "Sally" Jane DUNCAN-4523 (1830-1908)
                                 9-- Duncan GORDON-4524 (1853-1911)
                                  sp-Alice ARRINGTON-4883 (1856-1945)
                                     10--Jessie GORDON-4889
                                     10--William G. GORDON-4884 (1879-1956)
                                     10--Sally GORDON-4890
                             8-- John Wheeler GORDON Jr.-714 (1831-1869)
                              sp-Frances Amy (Fannie) MCCAMLEY-722 (1834-1928)
                                 9-- Martha Amy (Mattie) GORDON-723 (1856-1914)
                                  sp-John Gordon F SORREL-476 (1855-1876)
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                                  sp-Robert Bell HUSTON-725 (1849-1924)
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                                    10--Claire Camille HUSTON-726 (1882)
                                    10--Lamar HUSTON-4721 (1884-1920)
                                    10--Fannie Bell HUSTON-727 (1887-1939)
                                    10--Annie Laurie HUSTON-728
                                    10--Winnie HUSTON-729
                                9-- John W. GORDON-4521 (1858-1894)
                                9-- Frederick Clarence GORDON-4522 (1864-1894)
                            8-- William S. GORDON-4520 (1835-1850)
                            8-- Camilla M. GORDON-715 (1836-1894)
                             sp-Eugene Mandeville SANFORD G-771 (1833-1890)
                                *** SEE PAGE 1 FOR CHILDREN ***
                        7-- Thomas Goodwyn SANFORD-751 (1808-1860)
                         sp-Sarah B. JOURDON-4833 (1809)
                            8-- Mary Goodwyn SANFORD-4864
                            8-- Benjamin J. SANFORD-4865 (1830-1874)
                             sp-Anna M. ARRINGTON-4869 ( -1916)
                            8-- William J. SANFORD-4866 (1832)
                            8-- James H. SANFORD-4867 (1836-1867)
                            8-- Gordon M. SANFORD-4868 (1843)
                        7-- Emily Epps SANFORD-755 (1807-1889)
                         sp-Benjamin Smith JORDAN Colonel-4832
                            8-- Leonidas Adolphus JORDAN-4863 (1828)
                        7-- Adolphus M. SANFORD-752 (1811-1860)
                         sp-Sophia WALTON-4834
                        7-- Camilla Dorinda SANFORD-756 (1815-1869)
                         sp-William Luther BUNKLEY-772 (1811-1835)
                            8-- William D. BUNKLEY-773 (1831)
                            8-- Gordon Sanford BUNKLEY-774 (1834)
                         sp-Pearley Stanley GERALD-4870 (1808-1865)
                            8-- Adolphus Sanford GERALD-4871 (1840)
                    6-- Henry SANFORD-4835 (1766)
                    6-- Dolcey Bellon SANFORD-4836 (1773)
                    6-- William A. SANFORD-4837 (1777-1862)
                     sp-Elizabeth HALL-4842
                    6-- Berkley SANFORD-4838 (1779)
                    6-- Thornton SANFORD-4839 (1784)
                    6-- Frederick SANFORD-4840 (1788-1822)
                     sp-Mary S. STANTON-4843
                    6-- Mary SANFORD-4841
                5-- Richard SANFORD-4658 (1735-1784)
                5-- Jeremiah SANFORD-4659 (1739-1825)
                 sp-Mary MODESSETT-4844
                5-- Mary SANFORD-4660 (1741-1784)
                 sp-John BULGER-4845
                    6-- John BULGER Jr.-4846 (1797)
                5-- Sarah SANFORD-4661 (1743-1784)
                 sp-MARMADUKE-4847
                5-- Barbara SANFORD-6092 (1745-1784)
        3-- John SANFORD-6074 (1672-1735)
        3-- Richard SANFORD-6075 (1672-1759)
        3-- Thomas SANFORD-6076 (1674)
        3-- Massena SANFORD-6077 (1674)
        3-- Robert SANFORD-6078 (1676-1737)
        3-- Ann SANFORD-6079 (1678)
        3-- Thomas SANFORD-6080 (1678-1752)
        3-- Richard SANFORD Capt.-6081 (1680-1759)
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        3-- William SANFORD-6082 (1680-1737)
        3-- John SANFORD-6083 (1684)
    2-- Robert SANFORD-6089 (1648-1693)
    2-- Richard SANFORD-6090 (1652-1719)
    2-- Dorothy SANFORD-6091 (1654-1693)
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BRANCH - MITCHELL

DESCENDANCY CHART

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 - Lionel BRANCH-6520 (1566-1605)
 sp-Valentia SPARKES-6521
    2-- Christopher BRANCH-6514 (1602-1681)
     sp-Mary ADDIE-6515
        3-- Thomas BRANCH Sr.-6505 (1624-1694)
         sp-Elizabeth GOUGH-6506 (1623-1697)
            4-- Elizabeth BRANCH-6507
            4-- Martha BRANCH-6508 ( -1696)
            4-- Thomas BRANCH Jr.-6493 (1658-1728)
             sp-Elizabeth ARCHER-6494 (1660)
                5-- Thomas BRANCH III-6503 ( -1765)
                5-- William BRANCH-6495 ( -1761)
                5-- James BRANCH-6496 ( -1737)
                5-- Tabitha BRANCH-4853 ( -1752)
                 sp-Henry MITCHELL-4852 (1694-1754)
                    6-- Henry MITCHELL-4920 (1718-1771)
                    6-- Thomas MITCHELL-4848 (1722-1762)
                     sp-Amey GOODWYNE-4849 (1732-1776)
                        7-- John MITCHELL-767 (1748-1804)
                         sp-Sarah THWEATT-768
                            8-- Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750 (1772-1827)
                             sp-Jesse SANFORD Captain-749 (1764-1827)
                                9-- Mary G. SANFORD-753 (1796-1850)
                                 sp-Thomas MOUGHON-4828
                                9-- Elizabeth Taylor SANFORD-766 (1796-1858)
                                 sp-Greene Hill JORDAN-4830 (1789)
                                9-- John William A SANFORD G-754 (1798-1870)
                                 sp-Marianne Ridley BLOUNT-770 (1802-1879)
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                                9-- Adolphus M. SANFORD-752 (1811-1860)
                                 sp-Sophia WALTON-4834
                                9-- Camilla Dorinda SANFORD-756 (1815-1869)
                                 sp-William Luther BUNKLEY-772 (1811-1835)
                                 sp-Pearley Stanley GERALD-4870 (1808-1865)
                        7-- Tabitha Susanna MITCHELL-6489 ( -1785)
                        7-- Winifred MITCHELL-6490 ( -1761)
                        7-- Thomas MITCHELL-6491 (1756-1826)
                        7-- Henry MITCHELL-6492 (1760-1839)
                    6-- Nathaniel MITCHELL-4921 (1724-1768)
                5-- Agnes BRANCH-6497 ( -1727)
                5-- Elizabeth BRANCH-6498 ( -1766)
                5-- Frances BRANCH-6504 ( -1727)
                5-- Amy BRANCH-6502 ( -1727)
                5-- Mary BRANCH-6499 ( -1727)
                5-- Martha BRANCH-6500 ( -1736)
                5-- Margery BRANCH-6501 ( -1736)
            4-- Matthew BRANCH-6509 (1661-1726)
            4-- James BRANCH-6510 (1666-1749)
        3-- William BRANCH-6517 (1626-1670)
        3-- Christopher BRANCH-6518 (1628-1665)
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GREAT x 6 GRANDPARENTS OF

MARTHA GOODWYN MITCHELL

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                                         FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1878
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HUSBAND William BRAYNCH-6610
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BORN:                   PLACE: ,,,England
CHR.:                   PLACE:
DIED:   Aft    1602     PLACE: Abingdon,,Oxfordshire,England
BUR.:                   PLACE:
MARR:                   PLACE: ,,,England
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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WIFE    Katherine JENNINGS-6611
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BORN:                   PLACE:
CHR.:                   PLACE:
DIED:                   PLACE:
BUR.:                   PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Lionel BRANCH-6520
---- BORN:        1566        PLACE: Abingdon,,Oxfordshire,England
 M   CHR.: 18 AUG 1566        PLACE:    ,     Berkshire? ,
     DIED:        1605        PLACE: ,,,England
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Valentia SPARKES-6521                                                    MRIN: 1853
     MARR:  8 Jul 1596        PLACE: St. Martin,Ludgate,London,England
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 2.  NAME:
---- BORN:                    PLACE:
     CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 3.  NAME:
---- BORN:                    PLACE:
     CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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     CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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                                        | Relationship to:
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                                        |    Husband____________________
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                                        |      Wife____________________   Date prepared: 16 Feb 1999
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FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1878
DOCUMENTATION

HUSBAND William BRAYNCH-6610 Yr of Birth
WIFE Katherine JENNINGS-6611 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - William BRAYNCH-6610

Info from Pruett [cf Lionel Branch #6520 for citation]

He lived in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, town abt 8 mi S of Oxford.

He left a will, date not given by Pruett. However, since he bequeathed 5 marks to his grandson Christopher (6514) when he attained age 18, it must have been drawn up in or aft 1602. But cf Christopher's note for likelihood he was b. earlier.

Lionel was his 7th child & 3rd son.

WIFE - Katherine JENNINGS-6611

Her name from Pruett. Nothing else known abt her.

CHILD 1 - Lionel BRANCH-6520

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MARTHA GOODWYN MITCHELL

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HUSBAND Lionel BRANCH-6520

BORN: 1566 PLACE: Abingdon,,Oxfordshire,England
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1605 PLACE: ,,,England
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 8 Jul 1596 PLACE: St. Martin,Ludgate,London,England
FATHER: William BRAYNCH-6610 PARENTS' MRIN: 1878
MOTHER: Katherine JENNINGS-6611

WIFE Valentia SPARKES-6521

BORN: PLACE: ,,,England
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE: ,,,England
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FATHER:
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CHILDREN

1. NAME: Christopher BRANCH-6514
---- BORN: 1602 PLACE: ,,,England
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1681/1682 PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Mary ADDIE-6515 MRIN: 1852
MARR: 2 Sep 1619 PLACE: St. Peter's,Westcheap,London,England

2. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
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This is an example of the "headright" system by which immigration from England was encouraged: new immigrants came at the expense of those already settled. The latter receive 50 A per head of household. The new arrivals, most of whom came as tenants (others came as indentured servants), had to work their benefactor's land for a term of 7 yrs. Unlike indentured servants, tenants had to purchase all their supplies & pay rent to the landlord. In the process, they supplied much of the labor to work all these newly-opened lands. Indentured servants supplied the rest. Most were white; only a few were black. Altho the 1st blacks arrived in 1619, they amounted to only 5% of the population in 1690. Slavery did not become established in VA until late in the

17th century.

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Christopher Branch, Gent, 250 A Henrico Co at Kingsland over against the Long field, E upon the maine river, W by S into the maine woods & adjacent S upon land of Griffin now in tenure of said Branch & running thence N towards the fields. 50 A due for his own personal adventure & 200 A for transportation of 4 persons. 12 Mar 1638. ibid, p 99. [This is the 1st time he is entitled "Gent" in VA records. Had he retained this since he left England, or had he regained it now that he owned 600 A?]

Christopher Branch, 450 A Henrico Co: E by N upon the great river, S by E upon Proctors Creek, & N by E upon land granted to Griffin, now in tenure of said Branch. 100 A due by exchange from James Place, to whom it was due in right of 2 servants & 350 A for transportation of 7 persons [named]. 28 Feb 1638. ibid, p 634.

Thus b/n Oct 1634 & Feb 1638 Christopher acquired 1150 A! JMF & JGF explored them in Oct 1998. We started from a point about 3 mi WNW of the restored Henricopolis where Reymet Rd crosses a RR track. (Cf following map.) We walked down this paved road toward the James River, parallel w/ Proctor's Creek abt a mile S. The land slopes gently toward the river. Much of it is forested but there are several large soy bean fields. After abt a mile, we went down a little steeper incline into deep forest, passing a couple of small, swampy ponds but no real swamp. After abt 1 1/2 to 2 mi the road ended at the edge of a fen, w/ open water beyond. This might have been the river bank in the 17th century; today it is a large pond, the other side of which is a few yards from the river. We can be sure Christopher had good, dry & prob fertile soil to cultivate.

Christopher obviously had done well. On 6 Jan 1640 he was named tobacco viewer from World's End to Henrico. In 1641 he represented his county in the House of Burgesses. In 1656 he was justice of the peace. By the time he died, 61 yrs aft arriving in VA, he was a member of the landed gentry. He was a gentleman by birth &, by 1640, he had ensured this status to himself & his sons by acquiring over 1000 acres. Yet the Branches, among the few of those earliest settlers who not only survived but prospered, were NOT among the First Families of Virginia still celebrated today as "FFVs." These families -- there are abt 72 of them -- all stem from "distressed cavaliers" -- Royalist aristocrats who chose the losing side in the English Civil War -- who arrived in VA b/n 1647 &

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Cf Robert Sanford Sr (1118) & William Moxley II (4156) for details on the migration of the FFV families to VA. They were neighbors of many of these families; e.g., the Lees, Washingtons, Monroes, Balls & Carters

He left a will dated 20 June 1678 which was proved 20 Feb 1682. It described him as "of Kingsland." [Henrico Co Wills & Deeds 1677-92, pp 209-210]

HUSBAND [illegible]

BORN: PLACE: ,England
CHR: PLACE:
MARR: PLACE: ,England
DIED: PLACE:
BUR: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

Francis Addie

WIFE

BORN: PLACE:
CHR: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. [illegible]
BORN: PLACE: Batley,Yorkshire,England
F CHR: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Christopher [illegible]
MARR: [illegible] PLACE: St. Peter's,Bradford,[illegible],England

2. NAME:
BORN: PLACE:
CHR: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME:
BORN: PLACE:
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4. NAME:
BORN: PLACE:
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Relationship to:

Husband:

Wife: Date prepared: [illegible]

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HUSBAND Francis ADDIE-6522
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BORN:                      PLACE: ,,,England
CHR.:                      PLACE:
DIED:   Bef    1619        PLACE: ,,,England
BUR.:                      PLACE:
MARR:                      PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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WIFE
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BORN:                      PLACE:
CHR.:                      PLACE:
DIED:                      PLACE:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Mary ADDIE-6515
---- BORN:                    PLACE: Darton,Yorkshire,,England
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE: ,,VA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Christopher BRANCH-6514                                  MRIN: 1852
     MARR:  2 Sep 1619        PLACE: St. Peter's,Westcheap,London,England
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 2.  NAME:
---- BORN:                    PLACE:
     CHR.:                    PLACE:
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HUSBAND Francis ADDIE-6522 Yr of Birth
WIFE Yr of Birth

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He lived in Darton, town near the Pennine Mountains in West Yorkshire abt 30 mi SW of York. According to daugh's wedding document he was a husbandman; i.e., a farmer who owned his own land but was below the landed gentry, not a "gentleman."

WIFE -

CHILD 1 - Mary ADDIE-6515

How did this girl get from far-off Yorkshire to London to be married? If her husb was only 17, she couldn't have been much older. [Cf husb's note 6514 for my suspicion he was older.] Was she taken to London by her family & met Christopher there? Since his father apparently lived in London aft 1596 & the Branch family was from Oxfordshire in the south, there is reason to believe Christopher was born & raised in London & had no contacts with Yorkshire.

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CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1681/1682 PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 2 Sep 1619 PLACE: St. Peter's,Westcheap,London,England
FATHER: Lionel BRANCH-6520 PARENTS' MRIN: 1853
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MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Thomas BRANCH Sr.-6505
---- BORN: May 1624 PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1694/1695 PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
BUR.: PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
SPOUSE: Elizabeth GOUGH-6506 MRIN: 1849
MARR: Abt 1650 PLACE: ,Henrico,VA

2. NAME: William BRANCH-6517
---- BORN: Abt 1626 PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Abt 1670 PLACE: ,,VA
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME: Christopher BRANCH-6518
---- BORN: Abt 1628 PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1665 PLACE: ,Charles City,VA
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME:
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had d. in 1603. He must have saved enough to take such an expensive trip, & 2 yrs later he could afford to lease the 1st land of his own.

Christopher Branch, Planter, of Arrowhattocks in Henrico Co, 100 A: N on land granted to Thos Sheffield, E upon the "maine river," S on land granted to John Griffin, W "into the maine woods." 21 yr lease. 20 Oct 1634. Patent Book 1, Part 1, p 155. [Sheffield had a 150 A plantation about 2 mi above "Henrico Iland" b/4 the massacre. He, his wife & 11 others were killed there.]

Christopher Branche, 250 A. Henrico Co, 8 Dec 1635. "At Kings land over against Arroehattocks" (i.e., across the James): E upon the maine river, bounded w/ 2nd creek to W, adjacent S upon land of Griffen now in tenure of said Branch, & thence N toward land of Sheffield. 50 A for his own personal adventure & 200 A for transportation of 4 persons [named]. ibid, p 326. [This was land immediately N of the 100 A he had received in Oct 1634.]

This is an example of the "headright" system by which immigration from England was encouraged: new immigrants came at the expense of those already settled. The latter receive 50 A per head of household. The new arrivals, most of whom came as tenants (others came as indentured servants), had to work their benefactor's land for a term of 7 yrs. Unlike indentured servants, tenants had to purchase all their supplies & pay rent to the landlord. In the process, they supplied much of the labor to work all these newly-opened lands. Indentured servants supplied the rest. Most were white; only a few were black. Altho the 1st blacks arrived in 1619, they amounted to only 5% of the population in 1690. Slavery did not become established in VA until late in the 17th century.

Christopher Branch to James Place, assignment of 60 A, part of his plantation at Kingsland, lying N upon his own land & S upon Turloe (?) Kings Land, w/ housing now standing or to be built. Consideration: 100 A surrendered in Court by said Place, provided he shall pay all rents & taxes. 14 June 1636. Patent Book 1, Part II, p 82.

Christopher Branch, 100 A Henrico Co: E upon the river over against "Harrow Attocks," W upon the head of Proctors Creek, S upon mouth of same & N upon the 2nd creek. Due by exchange from James Place, to whom it was due for transportation of 2 servants [named]. 14 Sept 1636. ibid, p 381. [This seems to have been a trade: "assignment" of 60 A to Place on 14 June in return for 100 A Place had received as a headright which were contiguous with Branch's land.]

Christopher Branch, Gent, 250 A Henrico Co at Kingsland over against the Long field, E upon the maine river, W by S into the maine woods & adjacent S upon land of Griffin now in tenure of said Branch & running thence N towards the fields. 50 A due for his own personal adventure & 200 A for transportation of 4 persons. 12 Mar 1638. ibid, p 99. [This is the 1st time he is entitled "Gent" in VA records. Had he retained this since he left England, or had he regained it now that he owned 600 A?]

Christopher Branch, 450 A Henrico Co: E by N upon the great river, S by E upon Proctors Creek, & N by E upon land granted to Griffin, now in tenure of said Branch. 100 A due by exchange from James Place, to whom it was due in right of

2 servants & 350 A for transportation of 7 persons [named]. 28 Feb 1638. ibid, p 634.

Thus b/n Oct 1634 & Feb 1638 Christopher acquired 1150 A! JMF & JGF explored them in Oct 1998. We started from a point about 3 mi WNW of the restored Henricopolis where Reymet Rd crosses a RR track. (Cf following map.) We walked down this paved road toward the James River, parallel w/ Proctor's Creek abt a mile S. The land slopes gently toward the river. Much of it is forested but there are several large soy bean fields. After abt a mile, we went down a little steeper incline into deep forest, passing a couple of small, swampy ponds but no real swamp. After abt 1 1/2 to 2 mi the road ended at the edge of a fen, w/ open water beyond. This might have been the river bank in the 17th century; today it is a large pond, the other side of which is a few yards from the river. We can be sure Christopher had good, dry & prob fertile soil to cultivate.

Christopher obviously had done well. On 6 Jan 1640 he was named tobacco viewer from World's End to Henrico. In 1641 he represented his county in the House of Burgesses. In 1656 he was justice of the peace. By the time he died, 61 yrs aft arriving in VA, he was a member of the landed gentry. He was a gentleman by birth &, by 1640, he had ensured this status to himself & his sons by acquiring over 1000 acres. Yet the Branches, among the few of those earliest settlers who not only survived but prospered, were NOT among the First Families of Virginia still celebrated today as "FFVs." These families -- there are abt 72 of them -- all stem from "distressed cavaliers" -- Royalist aristocrats who chose the losing side in the English Civil War -- who arrived in VA b/n 1647 & 1660. An example of how they dominated VA society (& still do) is in Fischer, p 220. The entire pg is devoted to the aristocratic pedigree of Jane Randolph, Thomas Jefferson's mother. The antecedents of his father Peter Jefferson (who we know was Christopher Branch's great, great grandson) are, according to Fischer, "unknown."

Cf Robert Sanford Sr (1118) & William Moxley II (4156) for details on the migration of the FFV families to VA. They were neighbors of many of these families; e.g., the Lees, Washingtons, Monroes, Balls & Carters

He left a will dated 20 June 1678 which was proved 20 Feb 1682. It described him as "of Kingsland." [Henrico Co Wills & Deeds 1677-92, pp 209-210]

WIFE - Mary ADDIE-6515

How did this girl get from far-off Yorkshire to London to be married? If her husb was only 17, she couldn't have been much older. [Cf husb's note 6514 for my suspicion he was older.] Was she taken to London by her family & met Christopher there? Since his father apparently lived in London aft 1596 & the Branch family was from Oxfordshire in the south, there is reason to believe Christopher was born & raised in London & had no contacts with Yorkshire.

CHILD 1 - Thomas BRANCH Sr.-6505

Cf father's note [6514] for documentation of when & where he was born. He lived on the Kingsland tract, S of James River near Proctor's Creek, which he presumably inherited from his father. (Cf son Thomas Jr's note #6493 for more info on his land.)

HUSBAND Christopher BRANCH-6514 Yr of Birth 1602
WIFE Mary ADDIE-6515 Yr of Birth

By the time he died in 1694/5, Henrico Co was more settled, but still on the frontier. An entrepreneurial planter named Wm Byrd was running a trading post known as Byrd's Warehouse or Shocco on the site of the future town of Richmond. Yet VA was far from peaceful. Gov Berkley's failure to suppress the Indians along the Rappahannock less than 50 mi N & E of Henrico had led to Bacon's Rebellion in 1676. Bacon crushed the Indians at the battle of Bloody Run, near or perhaps actually in Henrico Co. The colony remained in disorder until William & Mary ascended the throne of England in 1689. [Encyclopedia Americana, "Virginia," "Richmond," "Bacon's Rebellion."]

Nevertheless, there were "civilized" diversions. A racetrack at Varina was frequently used. In 1687 his younger bro Christopher witnessed a wager b/n 2 men while watching a race there [Hist of Henrico Co, p 60]. This clinches the Branches' status as "gentlemen." Horse racing & betting were reserved BY LAW to gentlemen alone. People of "lower estate" were forbidden to compete & punished for doing so. [Fischer, p 360. Cf his father's note #6514 for citation & for more on the status of this family in colonial VA society.]

[Varina, a town on N side of the James which today is abt 5 mi SE of center of Richmond on State Road 5, was made Henrico County seat in 1680. Situated as it was on the northern edge of settlement in those days, it never developed into a commercial center. The entire area on both sides of the James was called Varina Parish from 1660 to 1770 [ibid, p 63-4].

Thomas' will, dated 25 Oct 1688 & not proved until 1 Feb 1695, gave 5 shillings each to sons Thomas, Matthew & James; to daughs Elizabeth Richardson & Martha Ward 5 shillings each to buy a ring. Residue of goods & chattles went to wife Elizabeth, who was sole executrix. Witnesses: Wm Glover, Christopher Branch (bro), Ann Branch (indentity?). [Henrico Co Wills & Deeds 1688-97, p 543].

CHILD 2 - William BRANCH-6517

He m. Jane [Burton?] who made deposition 1 Dec 1688 that she was 48. Issue: William & John. His wife m 2) Wm Baugh, Jr & 3) Abell Gower. She left will dated 7 Dec 1710; proved Jan 1711 [Henrico Co Wills & Deeds 1710-14, p 35]

CHILD 3 - Christopher BRANCH-6518

He may have m. Sarah Almond. He moved from Henrico Co to Charles City Co, the next county down the James from Henrico. In 1657, at age 29, he was appt. justice of the peace there. His estate was inventoried 24 Nov 1665 [Henrico Co Misc. Court Records I, p 31]

Issue: Christopher, Samuel, Mary, Sarah & Benjamin.

His daugh Mary Branch m. Thomas Jefferson of Henrico Co in 1678/9. Their son, also Thomas, was b in 1679 & d 15 Feb 1731. He m 1) Mary Field, who d in 1715, & 2) Alice Ward. He & Mary were the parents of Peter Jefferson & grandparents of the 3rd president of the US, THOMAS JEFFERSON, who was b in 1743.

Christopher Branch Sr #6514 was the 3xgreat grandfather of Thomas Jefferson & my 9xgreat grandfather.

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Ahnentafel of President Thomas Jefferson

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1. **THOMAS JEFFERSON,** b. 2 Apr. 1743, Shadwell, Goochland Co. Va. – d. 4 Jul. 1826, Monticello, Albemarle Co., Va; m. 1 Jan. 1772, Charles City Co. Va., to **Martha (Wayles) Skelton** (b. 19 Oct. 1748, Charles City Co. Va. – d. 6 Sept. 1782, Monticello), widow of **Bathurst Skelton.**
2. **Peter Jefferson,** b. 29 Feb. 1707/8, probably Osborne's, Chesterfield Co. Va. – d. 17 Aug. 1757, Shadwell, Goochland Co. Va.; m. [bond] 3 Oct. 1739.

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3. **Jane Randolph**, bapt. 20 Feb. 1720, St. Paul's Church, Shadwell, London – d. 31 Mar. 1776, Monticello, Albemarle Co. Va.
4. **Thomas Jefferson, Jr.**, b. ca. 1679, prob. Henrico Co. Va – d. c. 1679 – d. 15 Feb. 1730/1, prob. Osborne's, Chesterfield Co. Va.; m. 20 Nov. 1697, Henrico Co. Va.
5. **Mary Field**, b. 3 Feb. 1679/80, Henrico Co. Va. – d. 13 Aug. 1715, prob. Henrico Co. Va.

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6. **Isham Randolph**, b. Jan. 1685, Turkey Island, Henrico Co. Va. – d. Nov. 1742, Dungeness, Goochland Co. Va.; m. ca. 1718, White Chapel, London, England.
7. **Jane Rogers,** b. ca. 1695 – d. bet. 1760-1761, Dungeness.
8. **Thomas Jefferson,** d. aft. 1697, Henrico Co. Va.; m. c. 1678/9.
9. **Mary Branch,** who m. (2) **Joseph Mattox**.
10. **Peter Field**, b. ca. 1647 – d. 24 Jul. 1707, St. Peter's Parish, New Kent Co. Va; m. 21 Oct. 1678, Chickahominy, Va.

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11. **Judith Soane**, b. ca. 1646, prob. Litlington, Sussex, England – d. ca. 1703, Henrico Co. Va., as widow of **Henry Randolph, Jr.**
12. **William Randolph**, b. ca. 1648, prob. Moreton Morell, Warwickshire,

England – d. 21 Apr. 1711, Turkey Island, Henrico Co. Va.; m. bet. 1678-1680.

13. **Mary Isham,** b. ca. 1660 - d. aft. 1713/4.
14. **Charles Rogers,** d. aft. 1704; m. ca. 1694.

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15. **Jane Lilburne**, of Newcastle upon Tyne, Durham, England; d. aft. 1724; m. (2) **William** (or **John**) **Linton.**
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18. **Christopher Branch, Jr.**, b. ca. 1627, Henrico Co. Va. – d. ca. 1665, Charles City Co. Va.
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22. **Henry Soane,** bapt. 17 Nov. 1622, Brighton, Sussex, England – d. ca. 1661/2, James City Co. Va.; m. ca. 1642/3, Lewes, Sussex.
23. **Judith Fuller,** d. aft. 1695.

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24. **Richard Randolph,** bapt. 24 Feb. 1621/2, Little Houghton, Northampton, England – d. May 1678.
25. **Elizabeth Ryland**
26. **Henry Isham,** b. ca. 1628, prob. Pytchley, Northampton – d. ca. 1675, prob. Bermuda Hundred, Henrico Co. Va.; m. ca. 1659.
27. **Katherine Banks**, b. ca. 1630, prob. Canterbury, Kent, England – d. 1686, Henrico Co. Va; widow of **Joseph Royall**.
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30. **William Lilburne**, b. ca. 1636 – d. 17 Jan. 1681/2, Newcastle upon Tyne, England; m. 21 Aug. 1662, St. Nicholas Parish, Newcastle.
31. **Elizabeth Nicholson,** d. bet. 1715-1721.
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36. **Christopher Branch**, b. ca. 1602 – d. bet. 1678 – 1681/2, Henrico Co. Va.; m. Sep. 1619, St. Peter's, Westcheap, London, England.
37. **Mary Addie**, of Darton, Yorkshire.
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44. **Henry Soane**, poss. bapt. 7 May 1594, Brighton, Sussex, England – bur. 20 Feb. 1632, Rottingdeane, Sussex, England; m. 5 Nov. 1621, Brighton.
45. **Elizabeth Worger,** b. ca. 1600, prob. Brighton, Sussex, England – d. aft. 1633
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48. **William Randolph,** poss. bur. 1657, Moreton Morrell, Warwick, England; m. 30 Mar. 1619, Courteenhall or Cotton End, Northampton, England.
49. **Dorothy Lane,** bapt. 4 Sep. 1589, Courteenhall, Northampton, England; widow of **Thomas West.**

50. **John Ryland**
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52. **William Isham,** bapt. 20 Mar. 1587/8, Braunston, Northampton, England – d. 15 Aug. 1625, Toddington, Bedford, England.
53. **Mary Brett,** b. ca. 1604 – d. aft. 22 Dec. 1682.
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60. **George Lilburne,** b. ca. 1585 – d. aft. 1681, prob. Whitburn or Stockton, Durham, England; m. 13 Apr. 1629.
61. **Eleanor Hicks,** bur. 23 Oct. 1677; widow of **Ralph Lambert**.
62. **Christopher Nicholson,** bapt. 30 Nov. 1602, Hawkshead Hall, Lancaster, England – d. 29 Sept. 1670, Newcastle, England.
63. **Jane Butler,** bapt. 8 Oct. 1611, St. Nicholas, Newcastle.
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72. **Lionel Branch,** bapt. 18 Aug. 1566, Abingdon, Berkshire, England – d. ca. 1605; m. 8 Jul. 1596, St. Martin, Ludgate, London, England.
73. **Valentia Sparkes**
74. **Francis Addie** of Darton, Yorkshire
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88. [possibly] **Edward Soane** of Brighton, Sussex
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90. **Richard Worger,** b. ca. 1565, Brighton, Sussex, England – bur. 30 Jan. 1614, Brighton; m. ca. 1595.
91. **[Margaret?] Humphrey**, poss. bapt. 13 Jan. 1575, Brighton, Sussex, England – bur. 24 Apr. 1610, Brighton.
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96. **Robert Randolph**
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98. **Richard Lane** of Courteenhall, Northampton, England
99. **Elizabeth Vincent** of Harpole, Northampton
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104. **Sir Euseby Isham,** b. 26 Feb. 1552/3 – d. 11 June 1626, Pytchley, Northampton, England.
105. **Anne Borlase** d. Dec. 1627, prob. Pytchley, Northampton, England.
106. **William Brett,** b. ca. 1562, prob. London, England – d. ca. 1562; m. ca. 1624.
107. **Mary [—?—],** d. aft. 1624.
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120. **John Lilburne** of Thickley Punchardon, Durham, England.
121. **Isabel Wortley**
122. **John Hicks,** d. ca. 1631; m. 20 Feb. 1603/4, Lamesley, Durham, England.
123. **Alice Blaikston**
124. **Alan Nicholson,** bur. 7 Oct. 1616, Hawkshead Hall, Lancaster, England; m. ca. 1595.
125. **Susan Hechstetter,** bur. 4 Mar. 1642, Hawkshead Hall, Lancaster.
126. **John Butler,** d. 1643; m. 14 Nov. 1609, St. Nicholas, Newcastle, England.
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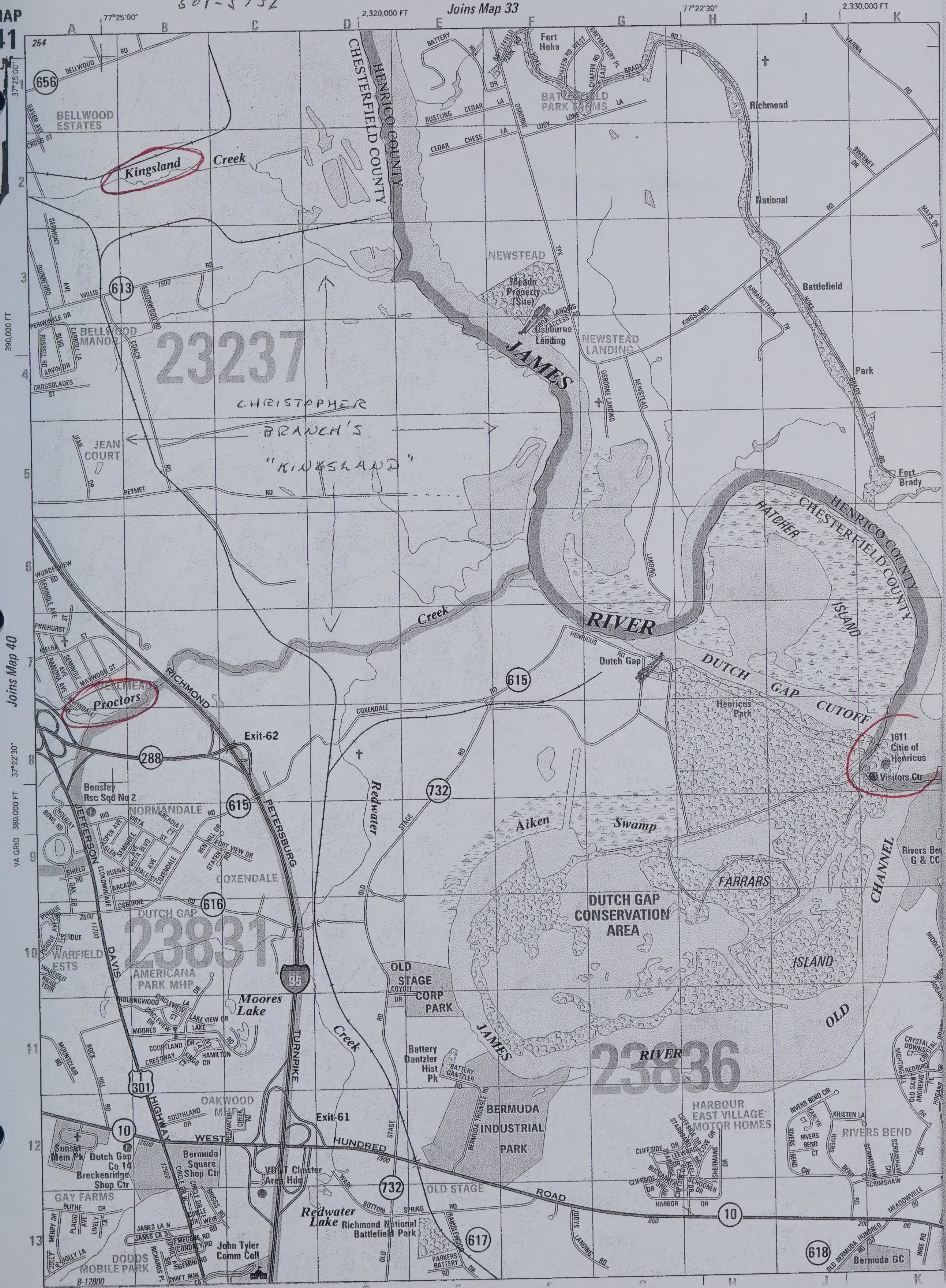

CHRISTOPHER BRANCH'S "KINGSLAND"

Matthew Gough

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1850

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HUSBAND Matthew GOUGH Capt.-6511
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BORN:                        PLACE: ,,,England
CHR.:                        PLACE:
DIED:   Aft    1643          PLACE: ,,VA
BUR.:                        PLACE:
MARR:                        PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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WIFE
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BORN:                        PLACE:
CHR.:                        PLACE:
DIED:                        PLACE:
BUR.:                        PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Elizabeth GOUGH-6506
---- BORN: Abt    1623          PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:    Aug 1697          PLACE: Varina,Henrico,VA
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Thomas BRANCH Sr.-6505                                                                MRIN: 1849
     MARR: Abt    1650          PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
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 2.  NAME:
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     CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
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HUSBAND Matthew GOUGH Capt.-6511 Yr of Birth
WIFE Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - Matthew GOUGH Capt.-6511

Info from Pruett & from Meyer & Dorman [cf Lionel Branch #6520 for citations].

He was a Burgess in the session beginning 2 Mar 1643, therefore prob member of the landed gentry.

WIFE -

CHILD 1 - Elizabeth GOUGH-6506

She left will dated 2 Aug 1697, proved 20 Aug 1697 which identified her of Varina Parish, Henrico Co. Bequeathed to son Thomas "bed that standeth with the head to the partition on the left hand the door as one cometh in" along w/ 5 pairs of sheets (1 of them Holland), long table, great copper kettle, iron pot known as the long pot & 1 belmettle skillet; to son Matthew "new curtains & vallens to the bed he hath already," 5 pairs of sheets (1 of them Holland), chest of drawers, drawing table, biggest brass kettle, 2nd great pot, iron pot called the new pot, chafing dish & pair of fire dogs; to son James "feather bed that standeth on the right hand as one cometh from the door to the chimney" with curtain & vallens; 5 pairs of sheets (1 of them Holland), 1/2 present wheat crop, great & small iron pots, small brass kettle, & Negro man Mingo; to daugh Elizabeth Richardson suit of wearing clothes, my riding gown & 12 pence; to sons-in-law Melchizedeck Richardson & Richard Ward 1/2 crown each to buy gloves; to granddaugh Martha Branch all my wearing clothes, linnen & woolen, shoes & hose. Residue of estate including cattle (2 cows, 1 calf, 1 ox) divided among 3 sons. Sons Thomas & James executors. Witnesses: Joseph Tanner, John X Cocke. [Henrico Co Wills & Deeds 1697-1704, p 10]

Note family owned 1 slave in 1697. Daugh Martha had d. b/4 1696, when her husb remarried. "Grandaugh Martha Branch" may have been Thomas Jr's daugh (#6500).

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                                   FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1757
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HUSBAND Richard SANFORD-6085
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BORN:   Abt    1616        PLACE: Exeter,Devonshire,,England
CHR.:                      PLACE:
DIED:                      PLACE:
BUR.:   28 May 1654        PLACE: Exeter,Devonshire,,England
MARR:   Abt    1641        PLACE: ,,,England
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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WIFE    Mary-6086
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BORN:   Abt    1620        PLACE: Exeter,Devonshire,,England
CHR.:                      PLACE:
DIED:                      PLACE:
BUR.:                      PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: William SANFORD-6087
---- BORN:                   PLACE:
 M   CHR.: 17 Nov 1642       PLACE: Exeter,Devonshire,,England
     DIED:                   PLACE:
     BUR.:                   PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                   PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Samuel SANFORD-6088
---- BORN: Abt    1644       PLACE: Exeter,Devonshire,,England
 M   CHR.:                   PLACE:
     DIED:                   PLACE:
     BUR.:                   PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                   PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Robert SANFORD Sr.-1118
---- BORN:        1646       PLACE: Exeter,Devonshire,,England
 M   CHR.: 14 Jan 1647       PLACE: Exeter,Devonshire,,England
     DIED:        1700       PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
     BUR.:                   PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Anna-1117                                                         MRIN: 1755
     MARR:                   PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: Robert SANFORD-6089
---- BORN:                   PLACE:
 M   CHR.: 29 Dec 1648       PLACE: Exeter,Devonshire,,England
     DIED:        1693       PLACE:
     BUR.:                   PLACE:
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HUSBAND Richard SANFORD-6085 Yr of Birth 1616
WIFE Mary-6086 Yr of Birth 1620

CHILDREN (continued)

5. NAME: Richard SANFORD-6090
---- BORN: Abt 1652 PLACE: Exeter,Devonshire,,England
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: 7 Apr 1719 PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

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6. NAME: Dorothy SANFORD-6091
---- BORN: Abt 1654 PLACE: Exeter,Devonshire,,England
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Bef 30 Jun 1693 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

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WIFE - Mary-6086

CHILD 1 - William SANFORD-6087

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Robert's associate Edw Franklin d b/4 28 Mar 1694. Robt & widow executed the estate.

On 31 May 1699 Robert failed to answer jury duty call, which suggests he was ill. He d b/n then & 24 April 1700, when his will was proved (according to Strasser) by William Moxley II (4156). He named Anna Sanford & John Sanford as executors. Text of will has been lost! John was a son (6074). Ann was presumably his wife (cf her note #1117). Even w/o text of will, Neal reconstructed family as shown in this FGR from carefully documented records.

Research question: Find his bpt record in Exeter.

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CHILD 4 - Robert SANFORD-6089

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WIFE Mary-6086 Yr of Birth 1620

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Even if there were really 2 Roberts, how do we know it was 1st one [1118] & not this man who was progenitor of VA Sanfords, MRIN 1755? Have used 1st Robert only b/c his dates match those of head of successor family.

CHILD 5 - Richard SANFORD-6090

CHILD 6 - Dorothy SANFORD-6091

GREAT x 3 GRANDPARENTS OF
MARTHA GOODWYN MITCHELL

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HUSBAND Thomas BRANCH Sr.-6505
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BORN:     May 1624          PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:          1694/1695    PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
BUR.:                       PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
MARR:  Abt    1650          PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
FATHER: Christopher BRANCH-6514                                             PARENTS' MRIN: 1852
MOTHER: Mary ADDIE-6515
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WIFE  Elizabeth GOUGH-6506
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BORN:  Abt    1623          PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:      Aug 1697         PLACE: Varina,Henrico,VA
BUR.:                       PLACE:
FATHER: Matthew GOUGH Capt.-6511                                            PARENTS' MRIN: 1850
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Elizabeth BRANCH-6507
---- BORN:                    PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Martha BRANCH-6508
---- BORN:                    PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: Bef    Sep 1696    PLACE: ,,VA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Thomas BRANCH Jr.-6493
---- BORN: Abt    1658        PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:        1728        PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Elizabeth ARCHER-6494                                          MRIN: 1848
     MARR: Bef    Oct 1688    PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
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 4.  NAME: Matthew BRANCH-6509
---- BORN: Abt    1661        PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:        1726        PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
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WIFE Elizabeth GOUGH-6506 Yr of Birth 1623

CHILDREN (continued)

5. NAME: James BRANCH-6510
---- BORN: Abt 1666 PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1749 PLACE: ,Chesterfield,VA
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

HUSBAND - Thomas BRANCH Sr.-6505

Cf father's note [6514] for documentation of when & where he was born. He lived on the Kingsland tract, S of James River near Proctor's Creek, which he presumably inherited from his father. (Cf son Thomas Jr's note #6493 for more info on his land.)

By the time he died in 1694/5, Henrico Co was more settled, but still on the frontier. An entrepreneurial planter named Wm Byrd was running a trading post known as Byrd's Warehouse or Shocco on the site of the future town of Richmond. Yet VA was far from peaceful. Gov Berkley's failure to suppress the Indians along the Rappahannock less than 50 mi N & E of Henrico had led to Bacon's Rebellion in 1676. Bacon crushed the Indians at the battle of Bloody Run, near or perhaps actually in Henrico Co. The colony remained in disorder until William & Mary ascended the throne of England in 1689. [Encyclopedia Americana, "Virginia," "Richmond," "Bacon's Rebellion."]

Nevertheless, there were "civilized" diversions. A racetrack at Varina was frequently used. In 1687 his younger bro Christopher witnessed a wager b/n 2 men while watching a race there [Hist of Henrico Co, p 60]. This clinches the Branches' status as "gentlemen." Horse racing & betting were reserved BY LAW to gentlemen alone. People of "lower estate" were forbidden to compete & punished for doing so. [Fischer, p 360. Cf his father's note #6514 for citation & for more on the status of this family in colonial VA society.]

[Varina, a town on N side of the James which today is abt 5 mi SE of center of Richmond on State Road 5, was made Henrico County seat in 1680. Situated as it was on the northern edge of settlement in those days, it never developed into a commercial center. The entire area on both sides of the James was called Varina Parish from 1660 to 1770 [ibid, p 63-4].

Thomas' will, dated 25 Oct 1688 & not proved until 1 Feb 1695, gave 5 shillings each to sons Thomas, Matthew & James; to daughs Elizabeth Richardson & Martha Ward 5 shillings each to buy a ring. Residue of goods & chattles went to wife Elizabeth, who was sole executrix. Witnesses: Wm Glover, Christopher Branch (bro), Ann Branch (indentity?). [Henrico Co Wills & Deeds 1688-97, p 543].

WIFE - Elizabeth GOUGH-6506

She left will dated 2 Aug 1697, proved 20 Aug 1697 which identified her of Varina Parish, Henrico Co. Bequeathed to son Thomas "bed that standeth with the head to the partition on the left hand the door as one cometh in" along w/ 5 pairs of sheets (1 of them Holland), long table, great copper kettle, iron pot known as the long pot & 1 belmettle skillet; to son Matthew "new curtains & vallens to the bed he hath already," 5 pairs of sheets (1 of them Holland), chest of drawers, drawing table, biggest brass kettle, 2nd great pot, iron pot called the new pot, chafing dish & pair of fire dogs; to son James "feather bed that standeth on the right hand as one cometh from the door to the chimney" with curtain & vallens; 5 pairs of sheets (1 of them Holland), 1/2 present wheat crop, great & small iron pots, small brass kettle, & Negro man Mingo; to daugh Elizabeth Richardson suit of wearing clothes, my riding gown & 12 pence; to sons-in-law Melchizedeck Richardson & Richard Ward 1/2 crown each to buy

gloves; to granddaugh Martha Branch all my wearing clothes, linnen & woolen, shoes & hose. Residue of estate including cattle (2 cows, 1 calf, 1 ox) divided among 3 sons. Sons Thomas & James executors. Witnesses: Joseph Tanner, John X Cocke. [Henrico Co Wills & Deeds 1697-1704, p 10]

Note family owned 1 slave in 1697. Daugh Martha had d. b/4 1696, when her husb remarried. "Grandaugh Martha Branch" may have been Thomas Jr's daugh (#6500).

CHILD 1 - Elizabeth BRANCH-6507

She m. Melchizedeck Richardson.

Her place & sister Martha's in birth order not know.

CHILD 2 - Martha BRANCH-6508

She m. Richard Ward. He remarried in Sept 1696.

CHILD 3 - Thomas BRANCH Jr.-6493

Info on this family from Pruett & from Meyer & Dorman [cf Lionel Branch #6520 for citations].

Mr Thomas Branch, Junr, 760 A, Henrico Co, in Varina Parish, on S side of James River, 4 Nov 1685. Beginning at Mr Abell Gower; crossing Myry Run; & Deep Bottom; to John Clarke; to Mr Thomas Branch, Senr, &c, transportation of 16 persons. Patent Book 7, p 294. [Note the honorific title "Mr" for both father & son. Since Christopher Branch had died in 1681/2, Thomas Sr had prob inherited his land, & that may be the otherwise unbounded land referred to here. The headright system still continued 78 yrs since the founding of VA, & that is how Thomas Jr acquired this large area, part of it adjacent to his father's land. Since a bound on the river is not mentioned, it was prob W of the lands bordering the James.]

In depostion 3 Mar 1711 he was abt 54. At at that time he owned 540 acres in Henrico Co.

There are no b. dates for any of the 11 children. Birth order based on sequence named in father's will, which prob puts sons & daughs in relative order but not in relation to one another.

His will, dated 4 Dec 1727, was proved in Dec 1728. Bequeathed to son Thomas slave Hannah, copper kettle, bed, rug, blankets, sheets, looking glass, chest of drawers, 6 "largest Russia chairs leather," silver tumbler, gun, andirons, iron pot called the soap pot; to son William slaves Tom & Sarah, bed, rug, blanket, sheets, chest, 6 "Russia leather chairs of the 2nd sort," 3 silver spoons, oval table, & brass kettle; to son James 280 acres on deep bottom of Proctor's Creek, slaves Pegg, Matt & Jack, bed, rug, blankets, sheets "which his brother Thomas & he allways lie on," iron pot, 3 silver spoons, & 6 of the old high leather chairs; to daughs Tabitha Mitchell, Agnes Worsham, Elizabeth Punch, Frances Tanner, Amey Branch 10 shillings credit each in a London store,; to daugh Mary Tatum 16 pounds credit in some London store; to daugh Martha bed, rug, blanket & sheets "which she & her sister now lies on in the lower chamber" & 12 shillings to buy a ring; to daugh Margery 8 pounds to buy a bed; to wife Elizabeth during her widowhood "labor & benefit of 3 negros; viz. Mingo, Doley

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& Peter" & residue of estate. Aft her death latter to be equally divided among "my 3 sons & 2 daughters who are unmarried." (Does latter refer to all 5 or only last 2? Apparently he meant all 5; cf their respective notes.) Wife executrix & guardian of all children who are under age. (These were prob Martha & Margery; size of bequests to sons suggests they were all adults.) Witnesses Richard Ward Jr, Higginson X King, Charles Griffith. [Henrico Co Wills & Deeds 1725-37, p 221]

If all of his sons remained unmarried, this line of the Branch family ended with Thomas Jr.

Note that while his father's family had owned only 1 slave in 1697, 30 yrs later, in 1727, his family owned 9. This reflects the accelerated importation of slaves which transformed the economy of VA in the 18th century. In 1690, only 5% of the population was black slaves; by 1750 this had increased to 40%. -- 120,000 out of the total population of 340,000.

CHILD 4 - Matthew BRANCH-6509

He m. [Frances Ware?]. He owned 947 acres in Henrico Co in 1704. Issue: Matthew, John, Olive, Daniel, Thomas, Phoebe.

His will was dated 15 Dec 1722, proved 4 July 1726 [Henrico Co Wills & Deeds 1725-37, pp 31-2].

CHILD 5 - James BRANCH-6510

He m. Mary ____. He owned 555 acres in Henrico Co in 1704. (He lived in that part of the county which became Chesterfield Co in 1749.) 2 Apr 1716 he purchased 100 acres of "Kingsland" from Thos Turpin & his wife Obedience Branch. Issue: Frances, Elizabeth, Verlinche (male), Mary, John, Pheobe.

Will dated 19 Aug 1726 was not proved until 4 Aug 1749 [Chesterfield Co Will Book 1, p 55; Order Book 1, p 8].

GEORGE ARCHER

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1851

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HUSBAND George ARCHER-6512
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BORN:                  PLACE:
CHR.:                  PLACE:
DIED:   Bef   1668     PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
BUR.:                  PLACE:
MARR:                  PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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WIFE    Elizabeth HARRIS-6513
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BORN:                  PLACE:
CHR.:                  PLACE:
DIED:         1663     PLACE:
BUR.:                  PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Elizabeth ARCHER-6494
---- BORN: Abt    1660        PLACE: Bristol Par.,Henrico,VA
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Thomas BRANCH Jr.-6493                                              MRIN: 1848
     MARR: Bef    Oct 1688    PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
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 2.  NAME:
---- BORN:                    PLACE:
     CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE:
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 3.  NAME:
---- BORN:                    PLACE:
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 4.  NAME:
---- BORN:                    PLACE:
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WIFE Elizabeth HARRIS-6513 Yr of Birth

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He died some time b/4 his daugh m. Thomas Branch Jr. Cf her note 6494.

WIFE - Elizabeth HARRIS-6513

Name from Spivey [cf Thos Mitchell #4848 for citation]. He gives 1663 as her birthdate, but since daugh b. in 1660 this is prob her d. date.

CHILD 1 - Elizabeth ARCHER-6494

12 Oct 1688: "Mr Joseph Royall Guardian of ye orphans of Geo Archer deceased doth give account that he hath taken up 2 mares belonging to ye said orphans, one of which he hath delivered to Tho Branch who marryed Elizabeth Archer (one of ye said Orphans) which delivery ye said Branch in Court acknowledgeth..." [Henrico Co Records, Orphans Court 1677-99, p 23]

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CHR.:   14 Jan 1647       PLACE: Exeter,Devonshire,,England
DIED:         1700        PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
BUR.:                     PLACE:
MARR:                     PLACE:
FATHER: Richard SANFORD-6085                                            PARENTS' MRIN: 1757
MOTHER: Mary-6086
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WIFE    Anna-1117
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BORN:                     PLACE:
CHR.:                     PLACE:
DIED:   Aft    1720       PLACE: ,,VA
BUR.:                     PLACE:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: John SANFORD-6074
---- BORN: Bef    1667        PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: Bef    Jul 1735    PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Robert SANFORD Jr.-6078
---- BORN: Bef    1670        PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: Abt    1736/1737   PLACE: Westmoreland,,VA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Mary-6253                                                 MRIN: 1880
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: William SANFORD I-4662
---- BORN: Abt    1670        PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: 24 Nov 1748        PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Jemimah-4663                                              MRIN: 1153
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: Thomas SANFORD-6076
---- BORN:                    PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: Abt    1751        PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
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WIFE    Anna-1117                                                                        Yr of Birth
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 5.  NAME: Ann SANFORD-6079
---- BORN:                 PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 F   CHR.:                 PLACE:
     DIED:      1763       PLACE: ,Loudoun,VA
     BUR.:                 PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                 PLACE:
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 6.  NAME: Richard SANFORD Sr.-6075
---- BORN: Bef    1682     PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 M   CHR.:                 PLACE:
     DIED: Abt    1759     PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
     BUR.:                 PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Susannah-6516                                                         MRIN: 1881
     MARR:                 PLACE:
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1942, on my genealogical bookshelf. [JMF & JGF explored this area in Oct 1998. Driving E from Montross, the county seat, we turned NE at Chilton's Corner & followed Currioman Rd 2.5 mi to Currioman Bay, into which Nominy River empties. Land near Chilton's Corner is gently rolling, densely forested, w/ a few soy bean fields. Abt 1 mi from Bay, the road descends thru thick hardwood forest into table-flat land, most of it in soy beans. There is a rickety dock at the end of the road w/ several small fishing boats moored to it.]

Robert is mentioned in numerous records b/n 1674 & 1699. [Cf Neal, pp 94-5, xerox in Sorrel/Gordon/Sanford file.] Lawrence Washington sued him in 1678. W/ Edward Washington & Wm Moxley (#4156) he appraised an estate (date not given). He was a juror 17x. Appointed surveyor of a highway in 1687. Constable for upper precinct of Washington Parish (adjoins Cople Parish on W) in 1694.

Robert had at least 2 indentured servants, apparently white Englishmen. He might have paid their passage under headright system. No mention of slaves in any extant records. This is consistent w/ fact only 5% of VA population in 1690 were slaves. Slavery did not burgeon in VA until 18th century.

Robert's associate Edw Franklin d b/4 28 Mar 1694. Robt & widow executed the estate.

On 31 May 1699 Robert failed to answer jury duty call, which suggests he was ill. He d b/n then & 24 April 1700, when his will was proved (according to Strasser) by William Moxley II (4156). He named Anna Sanford & John Sanford as executors. Text of will has been lost! John was a son (6074). Ann was presumably his wife (cf her note #1117). Even w/o text of will, Neal reconstructed family as shown in this FGR from carefully documented records.

Research question: Find his bpt record in Exeter.

Cf MRIN 1757 & note on 2nd Robert Sanford [6089] for possibility this alleged younger bro of 1st Robert was progenitor of VA Sanfords.

WIFE - Anna-1117

Altho not identified as "relict" when named co-executor of husband's will, she was prob his widow. The co-executor might possibly have been Robert's daugh Ann (6079). However, Anna was listed as mother of sons Robert & Richard in inventory of estate of Benj Hinman in 1703. She was prob also the "Ann, wife of said Robert Sanford" who relinquished her dower right to some property in 1720. [Cf son Robert Jr's note 6078.]

CHILD 1 - John SANFORD-6074

1st appears in Westmoreland Co records was witness to will of Tobias Butler in Feb 1688. Assuming he must have been of majority age to do this, he would have been b no later than 1667.

B/4 1700 was witness or juror at least 6 times. Was co-executor of father's will in 1700, which lends weight to estimate he was eldest son.

D intestate w/o any record of wife & known not to have had issue. Bro Robert

HUSBAND Robert SANFORD Sr.-1118 Yr of Birth 1646
WIFE Anna-1117 Yr of Birth

Jr (6078) granted letters of administration for his estate 29 July 1735, stating he (Robt) was heir-in-law to the estate. This confirms estimated birth order of 1st 2 sons.

CHILD 2 - Robert SANFORD Jr.-6078

He 1st appears in Westmoreland Co records 26 Nov 1691 as "Robert junr," swearing he had killed a wolf in the county. Elected constable for a precinct in Cople Parish in 1693, which means he was at least 21 by latter date. On basis of this, est b date bef 1670, since we know his bro William was born abt 1670.

In 1693/4 bought land from Wm Moxley, Sr (4156). In 1700 appointed surveyor of Courthouse Rd to Nominy Church, prob in place of his deceased father. Served as juror several times in 1705. In 1716 bought 256 A "where Robert was already living." On 25 Aug 1720, he deeded 50 A each to sons Robert III & Joseph from this tract.

On 28 Mar 1720 Robert "of Cople Parish" sold 16 A on "the falling waters of Nominy Creek patented to Robert Sanford" to Wm Sturman. Ann, "the wife of said Robert Sanford" relinquished her dower right to this property. [Proprietors' Deeds or Grants, Book 2, copied in Crozier, lists "Robert Sanford, 1699, 16 acres." This may have been just b/4 Robert Sr died, so did the above sale of 16 A refer to Robert Sr & his wife Ann or to Robert Jr & his wife, also named Ann? Since sale was 20 yrs after Robert Sr's death, one might assume the latter. However, this would give Robert Jr 1 wife named Ann in 1720 & another named Mary in 1737. (His son Robert III's 1737 will mentions "my mother Mary Sanford.") Therefore, I assume this Ann really was the surviving widow of Robert Sr.]

In 1732, Robert Jr & his son Robert III were securities to their daugh & sis Massey (Mercy?) as adminstratrix of will of her husb Richard Morton. In 1733, Robert Jr sued his daugh as Admx & obtained judgement of 310 lbs of tobacco.

On 26 Nov 1735 his siblings William, Thomas, Richard & Ann (Omohundro) sued him, unsuccessfully, on his administration of their deceased bro John's estate. (This suit is basis for structure of Robert Sr's family.)

His will, written 3 June 1736, proved 26 April 1737, named sons Robert, John, Joseph; daughs Margaret Neale & Jemima (minor). Also grandson Joshua Sanford; granddaughs Ann & Elizabeth Sanford. Massey (Mercy?) not named. Had she died, or was this aftermath of his suing her 3 yrs b/4? Robert III was executor. [Westmoreland Co Book 10]

CHILD 3 - William SANFORD I-4662

B date est from d at age 78. Cf father's note (1118) for further comment. D date from Sanford family Bible (started by William II), owned by Miss Marie McComb(s) of Milledgeville, GA. All other info from Neal & from Crozier (cf Robt Sanford #1118 for citations.)

Appears in Westmoreland Co records for 1st time as a security for Sarah Robotom as Admx of her husb's estate in 1698, which he could do as a minor (age 18 or 19). In 1699 lost a judgment serving as security for estate of Thos Glover. On 26 Feb 1701 bought land from John Spencer. In 1717 won judgment against

administrators of Thos Thompson. Administered estate of Wm Sturman in 1733. In 1735 was party w/ siblings in suit against bro Robert Jr over administration of estate of deceased bro John. Sued Joseph Edgar in 1735 & Chas Taylor in 1737.

Is above fair reflection of his life? Appears he bought 1 piece of land & spent much of his time in court. However, this may be an artifact due to only records available.

Will of William Sandford (sic) dated 22 Jan 1740, proved 28 Feb 1749, did not name wife, who predeceased him. Named daugh Martha Rhodes, son Joseph, daugh Frances, grandson John Eithell (Ethal?) Sanford. To son William he bequeathed "all land where I now live & else did not give before." Witnesses: Geo Sanford, Wharton Ransdell. [Westmoreland Co Book 11]

Birth order unknown; children listed in order named in his will.

CHILD 4 - Thomas SANFORD-6076

As explained in father's note, placed in this spot in birth order b/c of apparent gap b/n known birth of Wm (1670) & est birth of Richard (bef 1682).

He m. Dorcas Sturman b/4 25 Oct 1708, based on her grandmother's will, which bequeathed 2 Negroes to "Dorcas Sanford, daughter to my eldest daughter Elizabeth Sturman."

His will, dated 27 Sept 1749, proved 25 Feb 1752, mentions sons Thomas, Robert & Richard; wife Dorcas. Witnesses: Augustine Sanford, John Marmaduke. [Westmoreland Co Book 11] Neal says there were at least 2 daughs who were not named in will. Sarah & Peggy are mentioned in affadavits taken 10 Oct 1792 in dispute over will of Wm Dolman.

CHILD 5 - Ann SANFORD-6079

Placed here in birth order for same reason as Thomas (6080)

She m. 1) Jacob Remy. His will, dated 3 Feb 1727, proved 31 May 1727, named 5 sons. Wife mentioned but not named.

She m. 2) Richard Omohundro (his 2nd wife). Said to have been no issue. She & Richard were parties to suit against her bro Robert Jr in 1735 over his adminstration of their deceased bro John's estate. They moved to Fairfax Co, & their land on Little Rocky Run fell into Loudoun Co when it was created in 1757.

Richard's will, dated 12 July 1745, was proved in Fairfax Co 20 Aug 1745. Ann's will, dated 2 Sept 1752, was proved in Loudoun Co 13 Sept 1763. She left all her estate to son Wm Remey

CHILD 6 - Richard SANFORD Sr.-6075

He 1st appears in Westmoreland Co records in 1703 in inventory of Benj Henman w/ his mother Anna & bro Robert (6078). If he had to be of majority age to do this, he was b. b/4 1682.

HUSBAND Robert SANFORD Sr.-1118 Yr of Birth 1646
WIFE Anna-1117 Yr of Birth

In 1732 he helped appraise estate of cousin Massey Sanford Morton (6077). In 1735 he was party to suit against his bro Robert over his administration of the estate of their deceased bro John (6074). In 1739 he was executor of estate of son-in-law John Perry.

22 Feb 1742 he sold to Richard Moxley (4078) 350 A "which Robert Sanford, dec'd father to Richard Sanford devised to his 2 sons John & Thomas." John having died w/o heirs, Richard had full possession thru his father's will. This land was S of John Perry dec'd & abutted Thomas Sanford, Joseph Sanford dec'd, & Capt Thomas Chilton. Thus this was land in the area W of Nominy River around Chilton's Corner where most of the Sanford & Moxley lands lay.

On 24 May 1742, 3 mo later, he bought land on S side of Holmes River in Prince William Co which later fell into Fairfax Co. (This was further evidence of the migration into upper portions of the Northern Neck in which his nephew William II (4655) & Alvin Moxley (5358) also participated. Cf. their notes.) Richard gave 1/2 this land to his son Robert (6612) & later devised the other 1/2 to his son Richard Jr (6613).

His will, written 25 July 1757, proved 30 Oct 1759, left entire estate to wife Susannah during her widowhood. Plantation in Fairfax Co where son Richard Jr was then living went to him. Son Robert already had the other 1/2 of this land, so all he got was some slaves. Son Edward received a 200 A plantation in Westmoreland Co where his father lived. Other bequests to granddaugh Susannah, daugh of son Edward; to daughs Frances Harrison, Elizabeth Cox & Ann Muse; to grandson Franklin Perry, son of dec'd daugh Susannah Perry; to grandson Richard Muse, son of dec'd daugh Mary Muse; to grandson Thomas Muse, son of dec'd daugh Sarah Muse; & to Augustine Sanford, kinsman. (Augustine was grandson of Richard's bro Robert #6078.) Richard's 3 sons were executors; witnesses John, Augustine & Katherine Sanford. [Westmoreland Co Book 13]

Note Richard Moxley bought a plantation from a Franklin Perry sometime b/4 1776. Whether or not that was the above Franklin Perry, this shows how intertwined the families in Westmoreland Co became.

NB: Birth order of children unknown; they are listed in order named in this will.

GREATx2 GRANDPARENTS OF

MARTHA GOODWYN MITCHELL

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1848

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HUSBAND Thomas BRANCH Jr.-6493
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BORN:   Abt    1658        PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
CHR.:                      PLACE:
DIED:          1728        PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
BUR.:                      PLACE:
MARR:   Bef    Oct 1688    PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
FATHER: Thomas BRANCH Sr.-6505                            PARENTS' MRIN: 1849
MOTHER: Elizabeth GOUGH-6506
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WIFE    Elizabeth ARCHER-6494
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BORN:   Abt    1660        PLACE: Bristol Par.,Henrico,VA
CHR.:                      PLACE:
DIED:                      PLACE:
BUR.:                      PLACE:
FATHER: George ARCHER-6512                                PARENTS' MRIN: 1851
MOTHER: Elizabeth HARRIS-6513
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Thomas BRANCH III-6503
---- BORN:                    PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:      1765/1766     PLACE: ,Chesterfield,VA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: William BRANCH-6495
---- BORN:                    PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:      1761/1762     PLACE: ,Chesterfield,VA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: James BRANCH-6496
---- BORN:                    PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:      1737          PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: Tabitha BRANCH-4853
---- BORN:                    PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: 14 Jan 1752        PLACE: Albermarle Par.,Sussex,VA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Henry MITCHELL-4852                          MRIN: 1349
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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HUSBAND Thomas BRANCH Jr.-6493                                                        Yr of Birth 1658
WIFE    Elizabeth ARCHER-6494                                                         Yr of Birth 1660
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: Agnes BRANCH-6497
---- BORN:                       PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
 F   CHR.:                       PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    Dec 1727       PLACE:
     BUR.:                       PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                       PLACE:
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 6.  NAME: Elizabeth BRANCH-6498
---- BORN:                       PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
 F   CHR.:                       PLACE:
     DIED: 30 Nov 1766           PLACE: "Whitby",Chesterfield,VA
     BUR.:                       PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                       PLACE:
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 7.  NAME: Frances BRANCH-6504
---- BORN:                       PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
 F   CHR.:                       PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    Dec 1727       PLACE: ,Amelia,VA
     BUR.:                       PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                       PLACE:
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 8.  NAME: Amy BRANCH-6502
---- BORN:                       PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
 F   CHR.:                       PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    Dec 1727       PLACE:
     BUR.:                       PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                       PLACE:
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 9.  NAME: Mary BRANCH-6499
---- BORN:                       PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
 F   CHR.:                       PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    Dec 1727       PLACE:
     BUR.:                       PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                       PLACE:
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10.  NAME: Martha BRANCH-6500
---- BORN:                       PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
 F   CHR.:                       PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    Aug 1736       PLACE:
     BUR.:                       PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                       PLACE:
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HUSBAND Thomas BRANCH Jr.-6493 Yr of Birth 1658
WIFE Elizabeth ARCHER-6494 Yr of Birth 1660

CHILDREN (continued)

11. NAME: Margery BRANCH-6501
---- BORN: PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft Aug 1736 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

HUSBAND - Thomas BRANCH Jr.-6493

Info on this family from Pruett & from Meyer & Dorman [cf Lionel Branch #6520 for citations].

Mr Thomas Branch, Junr, 760 A, Henrico Co, in Varina Parish, on S side of James River, 4 Nov 1685. Beginning at Mr Abell Gower; crossing Myry Run; & Deep Bottom; to John Clarke; to Mr Thomas Branch, Senr, &c, transportation of 16 persons. Patent Book 7, p 294. [Note the honorific title "Mr" for both father & son. Since Christopher Branch had died in 1681/2, Thomas Sr had prob inherited his land, & that may be the otherwise unbounded land referred to here. The headright system still continued 78 yrs since the founding of VA, & that is how Thomas Jr acquired this large area, part of it adjacent to his father's land. Since a bound on the river is not mentioned, it was prob W of the lands bordering the James.]

In depostion 3 Mar 1711 he was abt 54. At at that time he owned 540 acres in Henrico Co.

There are no b. dates for any of the 11 children. Birth order based on sequence named in father's will, which prob puts sons & daughs in relative order but not in relation to one another.

His will, dated 4 Dec 1727, was proved in Dec 1728. Bequeathed to son Thomas slave Hannah, copper kettle, bed, rug, blankets, sheets, looking glass, chest of drawers, 6 "largest Russia chairs leather," silver tumbler, gun, andirons, iron pot called the soap pot; to son William slaves Tom & Sarah, bed, rug, blanket, sheets, chest, 6 "Russia leather chairs of the 2nd sort," 3 silver spoons, oval table, & brass kettle; to son James 280 acres on deep bottom of Proctor's Creek, slaves Pegg, Matt & Jack, bed, rug, blankets, sheets "which his brother Thomas & he allways lie on," iron pot, 3 silver spoons, & 6 of the old high leather chairs; to daughs Tabitha Mitchell, Agnes Worsham, Elizabeth Punch, Frances Tanner, Amey Branch 10 shillings credit each in a London store,; to daugh Mary Tatum 16 pounds credit in some London store; to daugh Martha bed, rug, blanket & sheets "which she & her sister now lies on in the lower chamber" & 12 shillings to buy a ring; to daugh Margery 8 pounds to buy a bed; to wife Elizabeth during her widowhood "labor & benefit of 3 negros; viz. Mingo, Doley & Peter" & residue of estate. Aft her death latter to be equally divided among "my 3 sons & 2 daughters who are unmarried." (Does latter refer to all 5 or only last 2? Apparently he meant all 5; cf their respective notes.) Wife executrix & guardian of all children who are under age. (These were prob Martha & Margery; size of bequests to sons suggests they were all adults.) Witnesses Richard Ward Jr, Higginson X King, Charles Griffith. [Henrico Co Wills & Deeds 1725-37, p 221]

If all of his sons remained unmarried, this line of the Branch family ended with Thomas Jr.

Note that while his father's family had owned only 1 slave in 1697, 30 yrs later, in 1727, his family owned 9. This reflects the accelerated importation of slaves which transformed the economy of VA in the 18th century. In 1690, only 5% of the population was black slaves; by 1750 this had increased to 40%.

HUSBAND Thomas BRANCH Jr.-6493 Yr of Birth 1658
WIFE Elizabeth ARCHER-6494 Yr of Birth 1660

-- 120,000 out of the total population of 340,000.

WIFE - Elizabeth ARCHER-6494

12 Oct 1688: "Mr Joseph Royall Guardian of ye orphans of Geo Archer deceased doth give account that he hath taken up 2 mares belonging to ye said orphans, one of which he hath delivered to Tho Branch who marryed Elizabeth Archer (one of ye said Orphans) which delivery ye said Branch in Court acknowledgeth..." [Henrico Co Records, Orphans Court 1677-99, p 23]

CHILD 1 - Thomas BRANCH III-6503

Spivey [cf Thos Mitchell #4848 for citation] says he m. Elizabeth Goode, prob relative of his sis Elizabeth's (#6498) 1st husb. Meyer & Dorman [cf Lionel Branch #6520 for citation] say he d. unmarried. Father's will refers to "my 3 sons...who are unmarried," so if he m. it was aft 1727.

Will dated 30 Oct 1765 was proved 6 June 1766. Divided estate among many bros-in-law & nephews. No mention of issue, but that does not settle question of whether he was m. or not [Chesterfield Co Will Book 1, pp 535-6].

CHILD 2 - William BRANCH-6495

Unmarried. Will dated 4 Oct 1741 was not proved until 5 Mar 1762; left everything to bro Thomas [Chesterfield Co Will Book 1, p 336].

CHILD 3 - James BRANCH-6496

Unmarried. Will dated 5 Aug 1736 was proved in Oct 1737; left everything to bros Thomas & William & sisters Martha & Margery [Henrico Co Wills & Deeds 1725-37, p 662].

CHILD 4 - Tabitha BRANCH-4853

She m. Henry Mitchell before Dec 1727 & moved to that part of Surry Co, VA, which became Sussex Co.

CHILD 5 - Agnes BRANCH-6497

She m. 1) Edward Osborne; 2) John Worsham. Administered 1st husb's estate in Sept 1724 [Henrico Co Rec Vol 1719-24]. On 11 Oct 1726 she & husb John Worsham consigned slaves Lucy & Sarah to Agnes' sons Wm & Joseph Osborne [Henrico Co Rec Vol 1725-37, p 62].

CHILD 6 - Elizabeth BRANCH-6498

She m. 1) Robert Goode of "Whitby;" 2) Page Punch; 3) Edward Curd

CHILD 7 - Frances BRANCH-6504

She m. Lodowick Tanner b/4 Dec 1727. His will shows they lived in Amelia Co.

CHILD 8 - Amy BRANCH-6502

She m. her cousin Henry Branch.

CHILD 9 - Mary BRANCH-6499

She m. Josiah Tatum b/4 Dec 1727. She must have been her father's favorite; he left her 16 pounds credit in some London store vs. 10 shillings to each of her sisters; i.e., 32 times as much!

HUSBAND Thomas BRANCH Jr.-6493 Yr of Birth 1658
WIFE Elizabeth ARCHER-6494 Yr of Birth 1660

CHILD 10 - Martha BRANCH-6500

She m. Daniel Willson aft Aug 1736 (she was unmarried at time bro James' will was probated).

CHILD 11 - Margery BRANCH-6501

She m. John Goode, bro of her sis Elizabeth's husb aft Aug 1736 (she was unmarried at time bro James' will was probated).

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1323

HUSBAND Adam GORDON-4742

BORN: PLACE: ,,,Scotland
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: John GORDON-4743
---- BORN: Abt 1710 PLACE: ,Prince William,VA
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1756 PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
BUR.: PLACE: Gordon Fam. Cem.,Union,SC
SPOUSE: Ruth R.-4753 MRIN: 1326
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
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SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
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Husband____________________________

Wife____________________________ Date prepared: 17 Feb 1999

HUSBAND - Adam GORDON-4742

"...our Gordons were from Scotland, & tradition that records show most likely to be true is that they came to America in latter part of 17th century, & that Adam Gordon was the immigrant. They went 1st to Maryland & from there to Fairfax [formed 1742] & Spotsylvania [formed 1720-1] Cos, VA. It is possible they were of Kenmure branch of the Gordons of Scotland..." ["Gordons of the Deep South," by Erminie N. Marshall, Austin TX, Steck Co, 1961, hereafter GDS]

Search in NEHGS Library in July 1993 revealed 2 Adam Gordons who arrived early enough to qualify as ancestors of our Gordon line [citations in Sorrel/Gordon Notes]:

"Adam Gordon, from Scotland, w/ his bro Basil, in latter part of 17th century, settled near Fredericksburg, VA, married Sally Chapman."

"Adam Gordon, who came w/ his bros Alexander & George, representing the Kenmare (sic) branch of Gordon family in America, descended from Lord Gordon, Viscount of Inverness. His son was Henry, b 8 June 1734; his son was George Gordon, b 1758, who served in Revolutionary War." [Altho port of entry of this Adam not given, descendants were in South, & info jybes w/ 1st entry above.]

Search of 1994 IGI, version 3.05, found NO Adam Gordon. There were 2 in Ancestral File, ver 4.16, at FHL in Salt Lake, but only 1 might be this Adam. (Other d. in 1662 & could not have been father of John Gordon, b. abt 1710.) He was b. abt 1660 in Edinburghshire, Scotland; m. abt 1685 Anne URQUHART in Edinburghshire. She was b. abt 1664, dau of Alexander Urquhart & Nicola Guthrie. No info on issue or whether they ever emigrated to America. [Printouts of both Adam Gordons in file.]

First settlers came to Maryland in 1633. Colony unique in its religious tolerance, enacted into law in 1649. Tobacco soon became staple crop & source of colony's wealth. English, Scots & Scotch-Irish settlers began moving from Charles Co (formed 1658) & Prince George Co (formed 1695) into western Maryland abt 1700. Location of Adam's son John in 1733 in N part of Prince William Co (which became Fairfax Co in 1742 & finally Loudoun in 1757) opposite Frederick Co, MD (formed out of Prince George Co in 1748) would be consistent w/ this migration toward western MD. All Adam (or his son?) had to do was cross Potomac.

GDS says son John b Prince William Co, VA (formed 1731-2). Est John b abt 1710 (cf his note 4743). IF b place correct, means Adam moved across Potomac bef 1710.

Assuming Adam abt 25-35 when son John b in estimated 1710, would mean Adam was b abt 1675-85. If Adam emigrated abt age 20, this would have brought him to MD abt 1695-1705. All guesses, but these dates consistent w/ reputed migration pattern.

Evidence that orig Gordon was named Adam is hearsay. Naming pattern of children of John & Ruth Gordon (whose connection to our line is clear) suggests John's father was named THOMAS. Common pattern was to name 1st son after paternal grandfather (he was named Thomas), 2nd son after father (he was named

John), 3rd son after maternal grandfather (he was named Benjamin), 1st daugh after maternal grandmother (she was named Ruth). However, will carry Adam in FGR until can prove otherwise.

JMF & JGF searched land & probate records in Prince William Co Courthouse in Oct 1998 for anyone named Adam or Thomas Gordon. We found nothing in Will Index 1734-44 or in Grantor-Grantee Index 1754-1811. Indices for earlier & later dates are lost, so it's possible there was a Gordon or Thomas in this county aft it was formed in 1730. For pre-1730 records we should check King George & Stafford Cos, from which Prince William was formed.

WIFE -

CHILD 1 - John GORDON-4743

B date est from b of 1st son abt 1735; John might have been abt 25. B place, d date & place from GDS w/o citations. (All info below from this source unless otherwise stated.) If this est b. date of 1710 is anywhere near correct, he could not have been b. in Prince William Co since that was not formed until 1730/1. In 1710 this area was part of Stafford Co.

[GDS reports "thorough search" of records in Richmond & in Fairfax & Prince Wm Cos, also King George & Stafford Cos from which Prince Wm was formed, showed no other records of John Gordon or Ruth. Noted Stafford Co records missing b/4 1720, period when John's father might have entered VA & when John born.]

Earliest record of John is when he was already adult (abt 23?), "planter, of Prince William Co." On 27-8 Jan 1733 Geo Slater sold John Gording (sic) 367 acres in Prince William Co "among the broken hills on branches of Clark's Run 12 mi above Goose Creek" joining land of Widow Hawlin (Halling) [Prince William Co Deed Book B, pp 304-7]. In 1742 this became Fairfax Co (& is now in Loudoun Co.) This is in extreme N of VA, within 20 mi of Harper's Ferry.

In Oct 1998 JMF & JGF explored "the broken hills on branches of Clark's Run." This is a good description of what are today forests & open pasture in the foothills of the Catoctin Mountains. They slope steeply toward the Potomac, only 3-4 mi east, & are cut by deep gullies of the upper branches of a small creek, Clark's Run. (Cf Sorrel/Gordon/Sanford Notes, Part 5, pp 1-3 for detailed description.)

Altho John was styled "planter" in this deed, the size of his farm belies this exalted title. He was a small landowner (classified as owners of 1 to 349 acres) & prob closer to the class of yeomen who owned their own land but tilled it w/ their own hands, perhaps w/ the help of a servant or 2. There is no evidence he owned slaves, either here or in SC. These freeholders were a small minority in VA from 1680 to 1760, overall 20% to 30% of the population. ["Albion's Seed," Fischer, DH, NY, Oxford U Press, 1989, pp 374-5]. Tobacco was VA's great cash crop in these yrs, & John prob grew it if he had some land flat enough. Looking at those steep fields, however, I suspect most of his land was in corn. Nevertheless, he was of some substance, being security on a bond of 500 pounds in a will in 1744. He witnessed many deeds & wills 1733-44 [cf GDS for details].

1st 6 (of 7) children born here; 1st 4 in Prince William Co; 2 after 1742 in Fairfax Co.

Carolina Colony had been divided into Royal Colonies of N & S Carolina in 1729. In order to attract settlers to thinly populated "Upcountry" (both to create buffer b/n coastal plantations & Indians & also to increase ratio of whites to black slaves) Gov James Glenn of SC offered bounty land: 100 acres for husband; 50 acres each for wife & all children 2-14. Problem was that border b/n S & NC was uncertain: 1st attempt at survey in 1730 but not settled until 1815.

Why did John move to far-away SC? Obviously here was an opportunity to get not only more but also better land than his rather marginal land in VA. Another factor may have been slavery. In 1690, slaves were only 5% of VA's population; by 1750 they were 40% -- 120,000 out of 340,000. Yeoman farmers could not compete w/ this cheap labor.

John petitioned for land in Mar 1749. On 16 May 1749 he & wife Ruth (1st mention of her in records) "of Truro Parish" sold same 367 acres to Wm Evans of Lancaster Co, PA "because of moving" for 160 pounds, abt 9 shillings/acre [Fairfax Co Deed Book B-1, 467-71]. They prob headed south shortly after.

Truro Parish was a political subdivision, the north section of Prince William Co which would eventually become Fairfax & Loudoun Cos. There was a Truro parish church abt 1/2 way b/n John's land & Leesburg, but it was Anglican. The Gordons prob worshiped at Kittocktin Presbyterian Church, which was 5 mi N of Leesburg & 1 1/2 mi S of Waterford. This was abt 6 mi across the Catoctins from John's farm. The church is gone, but a history written in 1904 says, The old graveyard, in which the remains of so many of the early settlers were buried, is enclosed by a solid stone wall. [Cf Notes, p 3 for ref] We did NOT investigate this.

John was granted 450 acres (100 for him, 50 for Ruth, 300 for 6 children) in network of small valleys w/ rich cane-covered bottoms on north bank of Collins (later Enoree) River in "Fork" b/n where it & Tyger River join Broad River. Est abt 10-15 mi NE of town of Newberry, SC. Cf modern map & plat certified 7 Aug 1750 [SC Archives: Colonial Plats, Vol 5, p 112] in file. Royal Grant to John from George II on 6 Nov 1751 was witnessed by Gov Glenn of SC [SC Archives, Royal Grants, Vol 4, Pt II, p 529; copy in file.] Deed specified rent 3 shillings/100 acres every 25 Mar & within 3 yrs 1 acre for every 500 be either cleared or cultivated or have dwelling built thereon; also must keep 5 head of cattle for every 500 acres.

Leesburg, abt 8 mi S of John's land, grew there b/c this was where the Carolina & Ridge Roads crossed. The [Blue] Ridge Road, now State Highway 7, runs W to Snicker's Gap in the Blue Ridge. On the other side of this fairly steep Gap is the wide, shallow, rocky Shenandoah River. Across that, one is in the Shenandoah Valley which, as described later, might have been the route the Gordons took to SC.

More likely, the Gordons followed the Carolina Road, now US 15. It goes SW from Leesburg thru Warrenton & Charlottesville to Lynchburg, paralleling the

HUSBAND Adam GORDON-4742 Yr of Birth
WIFE Yr of Birth

Blue Ridge abt 15-20 mi to the W. We drove S on it to just past Warrenton, all the way across gently rolling country. From the map, this road appears to encounter no serious obstacles other than many river crossings all the way to Lynchburg. From there it follows several river valleys SSE as US 15-501 into NC. It meets I-85 at Oxford, NE of Durham. At about this point, the Gordon party would have met the Occaneechi Path, which went W from there, prob following the course of modern I-85 to Greensboro & then I-40 to [Winston-] Salem. At Salem, the Path met the Great Wagon Road coming down from Fancy Gap in the Blue Ridge. From there on the Gordons would have traveled the rest of the way to SC along the route described below.

In Nov 1997, JGF & JMF traced what they thought then would have been a likely route for the Gordons to have traveled down thru the gently rolling Shenandoah Valley. The 1st 80 mi (to abt site of modern Roanoake -- nothing was there then) would have been fairly easy, even on primitive roads of the day. Next 50 mi, to Ft. Chiswell, would have been more difficult. Hills & deep valleys cut across the Valley floor. From Ft. Chilswell they headed S on Great Wagon Road, which passes thru a dramatic gap in the Blue Ridge abt 15 mi S of the Fort. The road thru "Fancy Gap" would have been fairly easy, but on the other side the grade down is so steep even modern I-77 is lined w/ runaway truck ramps. Far below on their left they could see the flat expanse of the Piedmont stretching E & S to the horizon. They were now in the Colony of N. Carolina.

Once down on the high, rolling Piedmont plateau, Great Wagon Road turned E & followed Yadkin River to a place where, 3 yrs later, "Pennsylvania Dutch" would start settlement they called Salem (now Winston-Salem). There the Great Wagon Road met the Occaneechi Path described above. Gordons prob followed that Path S to where Salisbury would be founded 3 yrs later. Then they trudged SE, overland to Charlotte, which was founded in 1750. (Its founders may have arrived there abt same time as the Gordons.) Here they entered the broad, flat Catawba River valley.

From Charlotte, they might have gone further W on the Lower Cherokee Traders Path. However, it would have been shorter & no more difficult to go S on the Catawba Path to where the Catawba River swings E. At that point they were abt 30 mi from their new home. To reach it, they may, for 1st time, have had no established road to travel. (All other roads to this point, as well as those on into GA, were originally ancient Indian trails. Cf Maj Thomas Gordon #747 for details.) Modern SC highways #200 & #34, which may follow an old Indian trail, emerge from Catawba valley, go over a slightly higher plateau, cross the Little River, & descend into the valley of the broad Broad River. The Enoree flows into the Broad near here. A few miles up the Enoree, on its N bank, was John Gordon's royal grant. They had trekked almost 400 mi, and it prob took abt 3 weeks.

Entire Fork area is now part of Sumpter Nat'l Forest, a vast, dense growth of pine & hardwoods. Thus this land has returned to what was undoubtedly its pristine state when the Gordons arrived. (In fact, the entire route S of Shenandoah Valley had been thru dense forests.) Abt 1/3 of their 450 acre grant, that bordering the Enoree, was swamp. Viewed from across the river today, it appears to be an impassable jungle of huge pines & hardwoods. One wonders if the Gordons even attempted to clear it. Beyond this swamp were 300

acres of higher land, ready to be farmed -- once it was cleared. John was abt 40; his sons were abt 15, 14, & 12. One wonders how long it took this little party, w/ ax & saw, to clear this land for the plow. However, they had prob traveled w/ other families. Dicksons, Awbreys & Nolands from Fairfax Co also settled near them. Neighbors must have pitched in to help each other.

"...Between the years 1749 and 1758, a number of other Presbyterians settled along the Enoree and Tyger Rivers and Old Indian Creek near Maybinton in Newberry Co. Some of these located in part of what is now Union Co. Among those who built their crude log huts in this area were the Ottersons, Hamiltons, Gordons & McJunkins." [History of Union County, SC, Union Co. Historical Foundation, 1977, pg 1]

The Gordons were true pioneers. In all that long trek thru the back-country of VA, NC & SC, only 1 of the cities which now dot it even existed, and that 1, Charlotte, was no more than a few cabins. Furthermore, the Gordons were among the 1st settlers in the Fork. The land on 3 sides of John's grant was still vacant when it was surveyed. Each of the next 3 generations of Gordons would abide by this precedent as the moved west.

15 month lag b/n petition & certification of grant may indicate confused border; land was 1st thought to be in Anson Co, NC. Seat of modern Anson Co is Wadesboro, SOUTHEAST of Charlotte. In 1750s Anson Co must have included much of NW part of SC.)

At that time (& since 1683) SC divided into 3 counties: Berkeley, Colleton & Craven, which ran from coast to upper limits of colony. Santee River divided Craven & Berkeley w/o any confusion about boundary until reached junction of Broad & Saluda Rivers near present Columbia. From that point N was doubt whether Broad or Saluda was dividing line. As result adjoining lands between these rivers might be located, 1 in Berkeley, 1 in Craven Co. (This explains why John's property said to be in Berkeley Co after it was decided it was in SC.) In 1769 counties abolished & province divided into 7 judicial districts. Gordon property was then in 96 District. In 1795, 96 District was divided into counties, one being Newberry. There was NO Berkeley Co from 1769 until modern one formed in 1882. Union Co had similar checkered history; was formed from Pinckney District in 1798. [History of Newberry Co, p 8; Genealogists' Handybook, p 254] Thus John actually d & buried in old Berkeley Co; these sites now in Newberry & Union Cos.

NOTE: EARLY SC COURT RECORDS ARE IN MESNE CONVEYANCE OFFICE, CHARLESTON, SC. ALL NEWBERRY & UNION COUNTY LAND RECORDS INVOLVING GORDONS 1785-1820 ARE LISTED IN SORREL/GORDON/SANFORD NOTES, PART 4, PP 7-9. No actual deeds were examined.

Within 4 yrs of arrival John began acquiring land: Aug 1753, issued 300 acres on N side of Tiger River on Beaverdam Creek below James Otterson's in Anson Co, NC. (This indicates NC boundry was still very near Gordon property.) Date? Purchased 50 acres adjoining his land in Berkeley Co, SC. Dec 1753, John Gordon "of Berkeley Co" purchased 300 acres on S side Tiger River in Anson Co, NC. Feb 1754, issued 300 acres adjoining his property on Enoree River. May 1754, issued 465 acres on S side Tiger River, Anson Co. Sept 1754, issued 640 acres at head of Little River on N side Broad River, Anson Co. Total acres

owned by end of 1754: 2505! [Deed refs in GDS, but sale prices not mentioned.] "Issued" land apparently grants; i.e., paid for only 350 acres. Since he sold his land in settled VA for only 9 shillings/acre, land was prob much cheaper on unsettled frontier. The 160 pounds he realized from his VA land would have bought far more than these 350 acres.

He divided most tracts into "tenement plantations" which he apparently rented to other settlers. If he had any slaves, there must have been very few. In 1759 census of this area there were nearly 7000 whites & only 300 slaves [History Newberry Co, p 11]. Most frontier settlers were Baptists, Presbyterians & Lutherans w/ antipathy toward Anglicans on the coastal plantations. They MAY not have approved of slavery.

4 Feb 1755 was signer of petition to Gov Glenn for troop of rangers to protect "inhabitants of Saludy, Enoree & parts adjacent" from Indians [Hist. Newberry Co, p 34].

D intestate 1756, prematurely. Youngest child was only 7. GDS thinks might be b in "Gordon-Chick graveyard in lower Union Co," possible site of Littleton's (Baptist) Meetinghouse. [Latter stood on bank of Enoree River near Littleton's Ferry per Bicentennial Hist of Newberry Co, p 300.] GDS say no headstone for him, but Eli Gordon Sr [his grandson, son of Maj Thomas Gordon] & his wife Rebecca buried here. Last item proves this is identical with "Gordon Family Cemetery 6 mi SE of Whitmire in Union Co" (cf Eli Gordon #4517), which is also shown on map of original Gordon lands to be in them, on N side of Enoree. (Because of thick woods full of deer hunters, we did not attempt to find it.) Burrell Chick was involved in 3 land deals w/ Gordons in 1813, indicating the Chicks were early settlers & may have family members buried in same cemetery.

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Analysis of places where John & his descendents died (if known) gives microcosm of how the South was settled. John (Generation I) migrated from VA to SC. Of his 7 children (Gen II), we know 3 d in SC, 1 in TN, I in GA, 1 in LA. By Gen III, 2 still d in SC, 2 in TN, 1 in KY, 2 in GA, 6 in AL, 3 in MS, 2 in LA. Of the few traced in Gen IV (John Wheeler Gordon's gen), 2 d in SC, 5 in GA, 7 in AL, 5 in MS. Even fewer were traced in Gen V (Martha Elizabeth Gordon's): 1 d in GA, 10 in AL, 4 in MS, 7 in TX. THEY ALL STAYED IN THE SOUTH. No one we know of went farther N than KY.

WILLIAM SANFORD I

~~FGRs~~

~~Eugene M Sanford &~~
~~Camilla Gordon Sanford~~

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1153

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HUSBAND William SANFORD I-4662
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BORN:   Abt   1670        PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
CHR.:                     PLACE:
DIED:   24 Nov 1748       PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
BUR.:                     PLACE:
MARR:                     PLACE:
FATHER: Robert SANFORD Sr.-1118                                     PARENTS' MRIN: 1755
MOTHER: Anna-1117
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WIFE    Jemimah-4663
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BORN:                     PLACE:
CHR.:                     PLACE:
DIED:   28 Jun 1743       PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
BUR.:                     PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Martha SANFORD-6083
---- BORN:                  PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 F   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED:                  PLACE:
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                  PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Joseph SANFORD-6082
---- BORN:                  PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 M   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED:        1751      PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                  PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Frances SANFORD-6081
---- BORN:                  PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 F   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    1740      PLACE:
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                  PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: SANFORD-6080
---- BORN:                  PLACE:
 F   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED: Bef    1740      PLACE:
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                  PLACE:
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HUSBAND William SANFORD I-4662                                                                           Yr of Birth 1670
WIFE    Jemimah-4663                                                                                     Yr of Birth
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: William SANFORD II-4655
---- BORN: Abt    1706              PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 M   CHR.:                          PLACE:
     DIED: 14 Oct 1783              PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
     BUR.:                          PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Barbara-4656                                                                      MRIN: 1155
     MARR:                          PLACE:
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HUSBAND William SANFORD I-4662 Yr of Birth 1670
WIFE Jemimah-4663 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - William SANFORD I-4662

B date est from d at age 78. Cf father's note (1118) for further comment. D date from Sanford family Bible (started by William II), owned by Miss Marie McComb(s) of Milledgeville, GA. All other info from Neal & from Crozier (cf Robt Sanford #1118 for citations.)

Appears in Westmoreland Co records for 1st time as a security for Sarah Robotom as Admx of her husb's estate in 1698, which he could do as a minor (age 18 or 19). In 1699 lost a judgment serving as security for estate of Thos Glover. On 26 Feb 1701 bought land from John Spencer. In 1717 won judgment against administrators of Thos Thompson. Administered estate of Wm Sturman in 1733. In 1735 was party w/ siblings in suit against bro Robert Jr over administration of estate of deceased bro John. Sued Joseph Edgar in 1735 & Chas Taylor in 1737.

Is above fair reflection of his life? Appears he bought 1 piece of land & spent much of his time in court. However, this may be an artifact due to only records available.

Will of William Sandford (sic) dated 22 Jan 1740, proved 28 Feb 1749, did not name wife, who predeceased him. Named daugh Martha Rhodes, son Joseph, daugh Frances, grandson John Eithell (Ethal?) Sanford. To son William he bequeathed "all land where I now live & else did not give before." Witnesses: Geo Sanford, Wharton Ransdell. [Westmoreland Co Book 11]

Birth order unknown; children listed in order named in his will.

WIFE - Jemimah-4663

D date from Sanford family Bible, in which name spelled "Jamimah." Since he d in Westmoreland Co 5 yrs later, presume she d there too.

Nothing else known about her.

CHILD 1 - Martha SANFORD-6083

In 1735 there was a presentment in Court against Martha Sanford & Wm Pickett. In 1739, Martha Sanford was fined 500 lbs tobacco for bearing a base-born child.

She m. ____ Rhodes in Jan 1740, apparently only days b/4 her father wrote his will. He bequeathed her a cow & a calf.

CHILD 2 - Joseph SANFORD-6082

He m. Ann Barbara Muse. Father bequeathed him largest steer in his pen in 1748.

His will, dated 29 Dec 1750, proved 30 April 1751, mentions wife Barbara, son Joseph, daugh Mary, & "child my wife now bears." Thus he must have died quite young. [Westmoreland Co Book 11]

His wife m. 2) John Tidwell. Her will was dated Oct 1784, proved 29 Mar 1786 in Westmoreland Co.

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WIFE Jemimah-4663 Yr of Birth

CHILD 3 - Frances SANFORD-6081

Named in father's will (1740). Unmarried at that time.

CHILD 4 - SANFORD-6080

Known only from grandson John Eithell (Ethal) in father's will. Presume she had m. _____ Eithell & was dead when will written.

CHILD 5 - William SANFORD II-4655

Source: Sanford family Bible in possession of Miss Marie McCombs of Milledgeville GA. "William Sanford, his Good Book for which he paid one hundred weight of tobacco." Bible published 1714. Also from Neal & from Crozier (cf Robt Sanford #1118 for citations).

B est from death at age 79. D date from JMF (from family Bible?). Jibes w/ date his will was proved.

Father bequeathed him "all land where I now live & else not given before" on 28 Feb 1749.

Will, written 31 May 1782, names sons Charles, Richard, William & Jerimiah (sic), & daughs Mary Bulger & Sarah Marmaduke; wife Barbara Sanford. Signed w/ mark. Proved 30 Mar 1784. [Westmoreland Co. VA, Book 16, p 212]

Birth order of children inferred from order named in will.

1994 IGI, Version 3.05, lists family that matches this FGR in names (except for new child #7) & adds b. dates & places as given here (printout in file). LDS film #455020 given as source. Will order to confirm. NB: NOTHING ON LATER GENERATIONS OF THIS FAMILY IN THIS IGI OR IN FHL ANCESTRAL FILE.

If IGI correct on b places of children, William II was in Loudoun Co, VA, from abt 1732 to abt 1740. [Cf son William III's note 3459 for problem of naming this county, which was not formed until 1757.] Neal notes migration north from Westmoreland Co in 1730s & 40s into what became Prince William, Fairfax & ultimately Loudoun Cos. His Uncle Richard (6075) & his cousin John (6251) bought land in Fairfax, & his Aunt Ann Omohundro (6079) moved to Loudoun. Alvin Moxley (5358) bought land in Prince William Co in 1779.

The overland trip from Westmoreland Co to the nethermost reaches of Loudoun Co would have been slow & difficult over primitive roads. However, this trip would have been quick & easy by water -- about a 2-day sail up the broad, placid Potomac.

If IGI is correct, William then moved to Greensboro, Greene Co, GA, & was there until at least 1745. If true, they were among the earliest settlers of GA. That strip of NE GA was settled this early (nearby Augusta was founded in 1734), but Greene Co itself was not formed until 1786.

However, none of this jibes w/ KNOWN fact from his will that he d. in Westmoreland Co, VA. I have used b. places & dates IGI gives for his children pending confirmation from above film, but it is possible William II never left

HUSBAND William SANFORD I-4662 Yr of Birth 1670
WIFE Jemimah-4663 Yr of Birth

Westmoreland Co.

Notes: John Gordon left Loudoun Co in 1749. His great-grandson John W m. William II's great-granddau Martha Cook Sanford.

William II was the 1st Sanford in our direct line to go south from Westmoreland Co to GA. Alvin Moxley was the 1st Moxley in our direct line to go north from that county to Prince William. Both families prospered in these new settings. When they married in 1854, did Alvin's great grandson Richard Henry Douglass Sorrel & William's great-great granddaughter Martha Elizabeth Gordon have any inkling that their ancestors had lived cheek-by-jowl in Westmoreland Co for 3 generations?

OTHER CHILDREN OF
ROBERT SANFORD, SR.

ROBERT SANFORD, JR
RICHARD SANFORD, SR.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1880

HUSBAND Robert SANFORD Jr.-6078

BORN: Bef 1670 PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Abt 1736/1737 PLACE: Westmoreland,,VA
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: PLACE:
FATHER: Robert SANFORD Sr.-1118 PARENTS' MRIN: 1755
MOTHER: Anna-1117

WIFE Mary-6253

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft 1737 PLACE: ,,VA
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Robert SANFORD III-6252
---- BORN: PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1737/1738 PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME: John SANFORD-6251
---- BORN: PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1777/1778 PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME: Joseph SANFORD-6250
---- BORN: PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Apr 1741 PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME: Massey SANFORD-6077
---- BORN: PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft 1733 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

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HUSBAND Robert SANFORD Jr.-6078                                                    Yr of Birth 1670
WIFE    Mary-6253                                                                  Yr of Birth
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: Margaret SANFORD-4952
---- BORN:                   PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 F   CHR.:                   PLACE:
     DIED: Aft   1737        PLACE:
     BUR.:                   PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                   PLACE:
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 6.  NAME: Jemima SANFORD-6519
---- BORN: Aft   1715        PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 F   CHR.:                   PLACE:
     DIED:                   PLACE:
     BUR.:                   PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                   PLACE:
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HUSBAND Robert SANFORD Jr.-6078 Yr of Birth 1670
WIFE Mary-6253 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - Robert SANFORD Jr.-6078

He 1st appears in Westmoreland Co records 26 Nov 1691 as "Robert junr," swearing he had killed a wolf in the county. Elected constable for a precinct in Cople Parish in 1693, which means he was at least 21 by latter date. On basis of this, est b date bef 1670, since we know his bro William was born abt 1670.

In 1693/4 bought land from Wm Moxley, Sr (4156). In 1700 appointed surveyor of Courthouse Rd to Nominy Church, prob in place of his deceased father. Served as juror several times in 1705. In 1716 bought 256 A "where Robert was already living." On 25 Aug 1720, he deeded 50 A each to sons Robert III & Joseph from this tract.

On 28 Mar 1720 Robert "of Cople Parish" sold 16 A on "the falling waters of Nominy Creek patented to Robert Sanford" to Wm Sturman. Ann, "the wife of said Robert Sanford" relinquished her dower right to this property. [Proprietors' Deeds or Grants, Book 2, copied in Crozier, lists "Robert Sanford, 1699, 16 acres." This may have been just b/4 Robert Sr died, so did the above sale of 16 A refer to Robert Sr & his wife Ann or to Robert Jr & his wife, also named Ann? Since sale was 20 yrs after Robert Sr's death, one might assume the latter. However, this would give Robert Jr 1 wife named Ann in 1720 & another named Mary in 1737. (His son Robert III's 1737 will mentions "my mother Mary Sanford.") Therefore, I assume this Ann really was the surviving widow of Robert Sr.]

In 1732, Robert Jr & his son Robert III were securities to their daugh & sis Massey (Mercy?) as adminstratrix of will of her husb Richard Morton. In 1733, Robert Jr sued his daugh as Admx & obtained judgement of 310 lbs of tobacco.

On 26 Nov 1735 his siblings William, Thomas, Richard & Ann (Omohundro) sued him, unsuccessfully, on his administration of their deceased bro John's estate. (This suit is basis for structure of Robert Sr's family.)

His will, written 3 June 1736, proved 26 April 1737, named sons Robert, John, Joseph; daughs Margaret Neale & Jemima (minor). Also grandson Joshua Sanford; granddaughs Ann & Elizabeth Sanford. Massey (Mercy?) not named. Had she died, or was this aftermath of his suing her 3 yrs b/4? Robert III was executor. [Westmoreland Co Book 10]

WIFE - Mary-6253

Her son Robert III's 1737 will mentions "my mother Mary Sanford, now living." Since he was prob the oldest son, this implies she was Robert Jr's only wife.

CHILD 1 - Robert SANFORD III-6252

He m. Mary Muse &, since 9 children named in his will, they must have been m. at least 18-20 yrs. He d. b/n time he executed his father's will (26 April 1737) & when his own will was probated 29 Aug 1738. Under his father's will he would have received the "plantation whereon he (the son) now lives."

25 Aug 1720 his father gave him 50 A out of a tract of 256 A on which his father was living. 26 Mar 1734 he bought 40 1/2 A on branches of Rappahannock in forests of Nominy Creek. 29 July 1734 he & wife "of Cople Parish" sold 200

HUSBAND Robert SANFORD Jr.-6078 Yr of Birth 1670
WIFE Mary-6253 Yr of Birth

A in Washington Parish to her bro Edward Muse.

In 1732 served as security along w/ father & bro-in-law Presley Neale for sis Massey (Mercy?) (6077) as Admx of her husb Richard Morton's estate. In 1735 he was security for his father in latter's contested administration of estate of his father's bro John.

His will, written 23 Mar 1737, proved 29 Aug 1738, named wife Mary, sons Augustine, Robert (IV), & Joshua; 6 daughs, only 2 of whom named: Elizabeth & Mary Sanford; also "my mother Mary Sanford, now living." Bro-in-law Edward Muse executor; witnesses Richard Omohundro, Joseph & John Sanford (his bros?). [Westmoreland Co Book 10]

His wife Mary then m. 2) John Remy, son of Jacob Remy & her deceased husb's Aunt Ann Sanford Remy Omohundro. She m 3) Richard Flint.

CHILD 2 - John SANFORD-6251

He inherited his father's plantation in Cople Parish in 1737. On 22 Feb 1736 he had purchased 50 A which prob abutted that land. It was bordered by lands of Robert Sanford, Richard Sanford & Wharton Ransdell.

24 Nov 1750 he gave his son Willoughby "my land in Fairfax Co which I bought of Samuel Remy & for want of heirs divided between my nephews Robert Sanford senr & Robert Sanford junr, being the sons of my brothers Robert (III) Sanford & Joseph Sanford." [In this context "sr" & "jr" mean "the older" & "the younger." Note this is further evidence of migration in Northern Neck into newer, northern counties.]

His will, written 1 Oct 1776, proved 27 Oct 1778, named son Willoughby, grandchildren Francis Sanford, Jemimia Spence, Molly Harrison & Butler Sanford. Son-in-law Thomas Sanford was executor. [Westmoreland Co Book 16]

Cannot identify "son-in-law Thomas Sanford." He must have been husb of an un-named daugh & perhaps father of grandson Francis. The Sanfords had proliferated so much by this 3rd generation that I can't determine which Thomas he was. He was not the father of Butler Sanford. Willoughby, who m. Elizabeth Butler, must have been. [Cf will of Ann Butler on p 12, Moxley/Douglass/(Virginia) Sanford notes, Part 2.]

CHILD 3 - Joseph SANFORD-6250

On 25 Aug 1720 his father gave him 50 A out of the tract of 256 A on which the father was living. In 1737 his father bequeathed him the land he had bought from Wm Moxley Sr (4156) in 1693/4. (This was prob the land of "Joseph Sanford, dec'd" which abutted land his Uncle Richard (6075) sold to Richard Moxley (4078) in Feb 1742.)

His will, written 3 April 1741, proved 26 April 1741, named wife Mary, daughs Nanny & Betty, son Robert & bro John Sanford. [Westmoreland Co Book 11] (This was the "Robert junr" to whom his Uncle John (6251) would give land in 1750.)

The 23 day interval b/n writing & probate of this will is unusually brief. Joseph must have had a sudden & quickly fatal illness or accident.

HUSBAND Robert SANFORD Jr.-6078 Yr of Birth 1670
WIFE Mary-6253 Yr of Birth

CHILD 4 - Massey SANFORD-6077

Her name is also variously spelled as Marcy or Mercy.

She m. Richard Morton, who d. in 1732. She was admx of his estate, w/ her father & bro Robert III as securities. In 1733 her father sued her as Admx & obtained a judgment of 310 lbs of tobacco. Perhaps this was the reason she was not in his will, or perhaps she had died.

Her husb's will mentions "my children" but w/o names or number.

CHILD 5 - Margaret SANFORD-4952

She m. Presley Neale, who was co-executor of her father's 1737 will. She was named in it.

CHILD 6 - Jemima SANFORD-6519

Since she was a minor when her father wrote his will in June 1736, she must have been b. aft 1715. Nothing more known abt her.

RICHARD SANFORD, SR.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1881

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HUSBAND Richard SANFORD Sr.-6075
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BORN:   Bef   1682       PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
CHR.:                    PLACE:
DIED:   Abt   1759       PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
BUR.:                    PLACE:
MARR:                    PLACE:
FATHER: Robert SANFORD Sr.-1118                                            PARENTS' MRIN: 1755
MOTHER: Anna-1117
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WIFE    Susannah-6516
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BORN:                    PLACE:
CHR.:                    PLACE:
DIED:   Aft    Jul 1757  PLACE:
BUR.:                    PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Robert SANFORD-6612
---- BORN:                 PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 M   CHR.:                 PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    1757     PLACE: ,Fairfax,VA
     BUR.:                 PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                 PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Richard SANFORD Jr.-6613
---- BORN:                 PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 M   CHR.:                 PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    1757     PLACE: ,Fairfax,VA
     BUR.:                 PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                 PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Edward SANFORD-6614
---- BORN:                 PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 M   CHR.:                 PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    1757     PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
     BUR.:                 PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                 PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: Frances SANFORD-6615
---- BORN:                 PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 F   CHR.:                 PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    1757     PLACE:
     BUR.:                 PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                 PLACE:
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HUSBAND Richard SANFORD Sr.-6075                                                          Yr of Birth 1682
WIFE    Susannah-6516                                                                     Yr of Birth
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: Elizabeth SANFORD-6616
---- BORN:                        PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 F   CHR.:                        PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    1757            PLACE:
     BUR.:                        PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                        PLACE:
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 6.  NAME: Ann SANFORD-6617
---- BORN:                        PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 F   CHR.:                        PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    1757            PLACE:
     BUR.:                        PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                        PLACE:
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 7.  NAME: Susannah SANFORD-6618
---- BORN:                        PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 F   CHR.:                        PLACE:
     DIED: Bef    1757            PLACE:
     BUR.:                        PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                        PLACE:
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 8.  NAME: Mary SANFORD-6619
---- BORN:                        PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 F   CHR.:                        PLACE:
     DIED: Bef    1757            PLACE:
     BUR.:                        PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                        PLACE:
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 9.  NAME: Sarah SANFORD-6620
---- BORN:                        PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 F   CHR.:                        PLACE:
     DIED: Bef    1757            PLACE:
     BUR.:                        PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                        PLACE:
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HUSBAND Richard SANFORD Sr.-6075 Yr of Birth 1682
WIFE Susannah-6516 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - Richard SANFORD Sr.-6075

He 1st appears in Westmoreland Co records in 1703 in inventory of Benj Henman w/ his mother Anna & bro Robert (6078). If he had to be of majority age to do this, he was b. b/4 1682.

In 1732 he helped appraise estate of cousin Massey Sanford Morton (6077). In 1735 he was party to suit against his bro Robert over his administration of the estate of their deceased bro John (6074). In 1739 he was executor of estate of son-in-law John Perry.

22 Feb 1742 he sold to Richard Moxley (4078) 350 A "which Robert Sanford, dec'd father to Richard Sanford devised to his 2 sons John & Thomas." John having died w/o heirs, Richard had full possession thru his father's will. This land was S of John Perry dec'd & abutted Thomas Sanford, Joseph Sanford dec'd, & Capt Thomas Chilton. Thus this was land in the area W of Nominy River around Chilton's Corner where most of the Sanford & Moxley lands lay.

On 24 May 1742, 3 mo later, he bought land on S side of Holmes River in Prince William Co which later fell into Fairfax Co. (This was further evidence of the migration into upper portions of the Northern Neck in which his nephew William II (4655) & Alvin Moxley (5358) also participated. Cf. their notes.) Richard gave 1/2 this land to his son Robert (6612) & later devised the other 1/2 to his son Richard Jr (6613).

His will, written 25 July 1757, proved 30 Oct 1759, left entire estate to wife Susannah during her widowhood. Plantation in Fairfax Co where son Richard Jr was then living went to him. Son Robert already had the other 1/2 of this land, so all he got was some slaves. Son Edward received a 200 A plantation in Westmoreland Co where his father lived. Other bequests to granddaugh Susannah, daugh of son Edward; to daughs Frances Harrison, Elizabeth Cox & Ann Muse; to grandson Franklin Perry, son of dec'd daugh Susannah Perry; to grandson Richard Muse, son of dec'd daugh Mary Muse; to grandson Thomas Muse, son of dec'd daugh Sarah Muse; & to Augustine Sanford, kinsman. (Augustine was grandson of Richard's bro Robert #6078.) Richard's 3 sons were executors; witnesses John, Augustine & Katherine Sanford. [Westmoreland Co Book 13]

Note Richard Moxley bought a plantation from a Franklin Perry sometime b/4 1776. Whether or not that was the above Franklin Perry, this shows how intertwined the families in Westmoreland Co became.

NB: Birth order of children unknown; they are listed in order named in this will.

WIFE - Susannah-6516

Known only b/c named in her husb's 1757 will. He left his entire estate to her during her widowhood.

CHILD 1 - Robert SANFORD-6612

His father gave him land on S side of Holmes Run in what would become Fairfax Co in 1742. Robert was apparently living there at the time his father wrote his will in 1757. Presume Robert d. in this county.

HUSBAND Richard SANFORD Sr.-6075 Yr of Birth 1682
WIFE Susannah-6516 Yr of Birth

CHILD 2 - Richard SANFORD Jr.-6613

His father bequeathed the other 1/2 of his land on Holmes Run in Fairfax Co to Richard Jr in 1757. Richard Jr was already living there & presumably d. there.

CHILD 3 - Edward SANFORD-6614

His father bequeathed him a 200 A plantation in Westmoreland Co in 1757. He had a daugh Susannah, named after her grandmother.

CHILD 4 - Frances SANFORD-6615

She m. ____ Harrison & was named in her father's 1757 will.

CHILD 5 - Elizabeth SANFORD-6616

She m. ____ Cox & was named in her father's 1757 will.

CHILD 6 - Ann SANFORD-6617

She m. Thomas Muse & was named in her father's 1757 will.

Thomas Muse's will, written 29 Oct 1734, proved 26 Nov 1734, named "my father-in-law Richard Sanford & bro-in-law Richard Sanford (Jr)." [Westmoreland Co Book 8] (The 27 day interval b/n writing & probate of this will suggests Thomas had a sudden & quickly fatal illness or accident.)

CHILD 7 - Susannah SANFORD-6618

She m. John Perry. Both she & husb were dead when father wrote his 1757 will. She had a son Franklin. Perhaps this was the Franklin Perry who sold a plantation to Richard Moxley (4078) sometime b/4 1776.

CHILD 8 - Mary SANFORD-6619

She m. another Muse & had died when her father wrote his will in 1757. She had a son Richard.

CHILD 9 - Sarah SANFORD-6620

She was the 3rd daugh married to a Muse. Were they bros? She was dead when her father wrote his 1757 will. She had a son Thomas.

GREAT-GRANDPARENTS OF MARTHA GOODWYN MITCHELL

(WIFE OF JESSE SANFORD)

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~~John Mitchell~~

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1349

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HUSBAND Henry MITCHELL-4852
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BORN:   Abt   1694       PLACE:
CHR.:                    PLACE:
DIED:   27 Mar 1754      PLACE: Albermarle Par.,Sussex,VA
BUR.:                    PLACE:
MARR:                    PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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WIFE    Tabitha BRANCH-4853
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BORN:                    PLACE: ,Henrico,VA
CHR.:                    PLACE:
DIED:   14 Jan 1752      PLACE: Albermarle Par.,Sussex,VA
BUR.:                    PLACE:
FATHER: Thomas BRANCH Jr.-6493                          PARENTS' MRIN: 1848
MOTHER: Elizabeth ARCHER-6494
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Henry MITCHELL-4920
---- BORN: Abt   1718       PLACE: Albermarle Par.,Sussex,VA
 M   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED: Abt   1771       PLACE: ,Sussex,VA
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                  PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Thomas MITCHELL-4848
---- BORN:  3 Aug 1722      PLACE: Albermarle Par.,Sussex,VA
 M   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED:    Jan 1762      PLACE: ,Sussex,VA
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Amey GOODWYNE-4849                         MRIN: 1347
     MARR:    Mar 1747      PLACE: ,Surry,VA
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 3.  NAME: Nathaniel MITCHELL-4921
---- BORN: Abt   1724       PLACE: Albermarle Par.,Sussex,VA
 M   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED: 30 Nov 1768      PLACE: Albermarle Par.,Sussex,VA
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                  PLACE:
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 4.  NAME:
---- BORN:                  PLACE:
     CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED:                  PLACE:
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
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FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1349
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HUSBAND	Henry MITCHELL-4852	Yr of Birth 1694
WIFE	Tabitha BRANCH-4853	Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - Henry MITCHELL-4852

Info from Meyer & Dorman [cf Lionel Branch #6520 for citation].

Note: Henry lived all his life, & his children were actually born in Surry Co. Sussex Co was created out of Surry in 1753-4.

His will, dated 2 Mar 1754, was proved 8 April 1754 [Sussex Co Will Book A, pp 4-5, transcript in Gordon/Sanford file]. He bequeathed to his wife a bay horse & saddle; to son Henry 320 acre tract on "south side of Jone's hole Swamp at the Ford" + 5 slaves; to son Thomas 237 acre tract also on S side of Jone's hole Swamp + 6 slaves; to son Nathaniel the 400 acre plantation on which the father then lived & also 100+ acre plantation on S side of Jone's hole Swamp where Nathaniel lived + 5 slaves. Rest of estate to be divided in 4 parts & wife to get 1st choice of her quarter. Son Henry executor.

WIFE - Tabitha BRANCH-4853

She m. Henry Mitchell before Dec 1727 & moved to that part of Surry Co, VA, which became Sussex Co.

CHILD 1 - Henry MITCHELL-4920

He m Priscilla Jones. Uncle Thomas Branch (#6503) mentioned him in his 1765 will.

CHILD 2 - Thomas MITCHELL-4848

Most information on this family from "Some Notes on Family of John Oliver Mitchell,) typed genealogy prepared by Wallace R Spivey, 100 Lancaster Point, Statesboro, GA (912) 764-8951 in Hancock Pub. Lib., Sparta, GA.

Surry Co is on S side of James River opposite Jamestown, in Tidewater VA. Sussex Co, the next county west, was formed out of Surry in 1753-4. Assume Albermarle Parish is in Sussex but cannot locate w/ maps available.

His will, executed 20 Oct 1761 & proved 18 Mar 1762, is in Suxxex Co Will Book A, p 232 [transcript in Gordon/Sanford file]. He bequeathed to wife Amy 3 "negros" Will, Kate & Peter; to son John slaves Jack & Sarah; to son Henry Peter, Roger & Sarah; to daugh Tabitha Tab & Ben; to daugh Winnefret (sic) Pegg & Charles; to son Thomas Will Cate, Will & Betty + his "land & plantation" of 300 acres. Wife Amy to use "all the lagacies to educate & bring up my children" to age 21. [He was only 39 when he died, & eldest child was only 13.]

CHILD 3 - Nathaniel MITCHELL-4921

He m Elizabeth Shands.

John Goodwyne

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1350

HUSBAND John GOODWYNE-4854

BORN: 1711 PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1754 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE Winifred TUCKER-4855

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Amey GOODWYNE-4849
---- BORN: 31 Aug 1732 PLACE: ,Surry,VA
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 14 Jan 1776 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Thomas MITCHELL-4848 MRIN: 1347
MARR: Mar 1747 PLACE: ,Surry,VA

2. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

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Husband____________________________

Wife____________________________ Date prepared: 17 Nov 1997

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1350
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HUSBAND	John GOODWYNE-4854	Yr of Birth 1711
WIFE	Winifred TUCKER-4855	Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - John GOODWYNE-4854
Info from Spivey [cf Thomas Mitchell #4848 for citation].

WIFE - Winifred TUCKER-4855

CHILD 1 - Amey GOODWYNE-4849
She m. 2) John Raines 5 Oct 1762 in Prince George Co, VA. Note son Thomas m. Ann Raines. Relation?

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1847

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HUSBAND John THWEATT-6475
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BORN:                        PLACE: ,,VA
CHR.:                        PLACE:
DIED:          1758          PLACE: ,Prince George,VA
BUR.:                        PLACE:
MARR:   Abt    1720          PLACE: ,,VA
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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WIFE    Judith-6476
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BORN:                        PLACE:
CHR.:                        PLACE:
DIED:                        PLACE:
BUR.:                        PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: John THWEATT-6477
---- BORN: 11 Jan 1721          PLACE: ,,VA
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: 10 Jun 1722          PLACE: ,,VA
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: James THWEATT-4850
---- BORN: 12 Mar 1722          PLACE: ,Prince George,VA
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: Bef    Jan 1758      PLACE: ,Dinwiddie,VA
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Sarah STURTEVANT-4851                                      MRIN: 1348
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Elizabeth THWEATT-6478
---- BORN: 11 Mar 1724          PLACE: ,,VA
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    Jan 1758      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: John THWEATT-6479
---- BORN: 22 Aug 1726          PLACE: ,,VA
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: Bef    Jan 1758      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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HUSBAND John THWEATT-6475                                                             Yr of Birth
WIFE    Judith-6476                                                                   Yr of Birth
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: William THWEATT-6480
---- BORN: 11 Sep 1728          PLACE: ,,VA
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    Jan 1758      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 6.  NAME: Martha THWEATT-6481
---- BORN: 21 Oct 1732          PLACE: ,,VA
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    Jan 1758      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 7.  NAME: Mary THWEATT-6482
---- BORN:                      PLACE: ,,VA
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    Jan 1758      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 8.  NAME: Judith THWEATT-6483
---- BORN: 19 Jun 1743          PLACE: ,,VA
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    Jan 1758      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1847
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HUSBAND John THWEATT-6475 Yr of Birth
WIFE Judith-6476 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - John THWEATT-6475

Source for all info on this family, EW Smith. Cf son James #4850 for citation.

"We believe he was the son of James Thweatt of Isle of Wight Co but have no positive proof of this." [This county is abt 30 mi down the James River from Prince George Co.]

He is said to have lived in Bristol Parish, which I cannot locate but is presumably in Prince George Co.

Date of marriage est. from b. date of 1st known child.

Will, executed 5 Jan 1758; proved in Prince George Co 12 June 1758. It mentions wife Judith; son William; 4 daughs: Elizabeth Burchette, Martha Goodwyn, Mary and Judith; granddaugh Amy Goodwyn; grandsons Thomas, John & Peterson (sons of son James).

WIFE - Judith-6476

Known only thru name in husb's will.

CHILD 1 - John THWEATT-6477

CHILD 2 - James THWEATT-4850

Source of all info on Thweatt family: Smith, EW, History of Hancock Co, GA, Vol II, Ancestors, Families & Genealogies, Washington, GA, Wilkes Pub Co, Jan 1974, p 136. (In Hancock Public Library, Sparta, GA)

He moved from Prince George Co to "what was later Dinwiddie Co" & presumably lived there rest of his life. [Dinwiddie, the next county W of Prince George, was created from the latter in 1752. Prince George is on the tidal portion of the James River; Dinwiddie is in the Piedmont, SW of Petersburg. Presumably James took part in migration from Tidewater to Piedmont, as noted with others who eventually migrated to Georgia.]

D. date est from fact he was not mentioned in father's Jan 1758 will while 3 of his sons were.

CHILD 3 - Elizabeth THWEATT-6478

She m. ____ Burchette sometime b/4 father wrote will in Jan 1758. She was still alive at that time.

CHILD 4 - John THWEATT-6479

D date est from fact he was not mentioned in father's 1758 will.

CHILD 5 - William THWEATT-6480

He was mentioned in father's Jan 1758 will.

CHILD 6 - Martha THWEATT-6481

She m. _____ Goodwyn & had daugh Amy. Both she & daugh mentioned in father's Jan 1758 will.

HUSBAND John THWEATT-6475 Yr of Birth
WIFE Judith-6476 Yr of Birth

Could her husb have been bro (or other relation) of Amey Goodwyne #4849, who m. Thomas Mitchell #4848? The families were close. Thomas & Amey's son John #767 m. Martha's niece Sarah Thweatt #768 (daugh of Martha's bro James #4850). Martha & Amey were born in same yr. Could Martha have named her daugh after her Aunt Amey?

CHILD 7 - Mary THWEATT-6482

Mentioned in father's Jan 1758 will. Assumed she was older than sis Judith b/c of gap in siblings' births between 1732 & 1743.

CHILD 8 - Judith THWEATT-6483

Mentioned in father's Jan 1758 will

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HUSBAND John GORDON-4743
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BORN:   Abt   1710          PLACE: ,Prince William,VA
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:         1756          PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
BUR.:                       PLACE: Gordon Fam. Cem.,Union,SC
MARR:                       PLACE:
FATHER: Adam GORDON-4742                                                PARENTS' MRIN: 1323
MOTHER:
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WIFE    Ruth R.-4753
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BORN:   Bef   1718          PLACE:
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:   Aft   Apr 1773      PLACE:
BUR.:                       PLACE:                                      has other marriage(s)
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Thomas GORDON Major-747
---- BORN: Abt    1735          PLACE: ,Prince William,VA
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:  2 Jun 1808          PLACE: Newberry Ordin.,Newberry,SC
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748                                    MRIN: 208
     MARR: Bef    1756          PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: John GORDON Jr.-4754
---- BORN: Abt    1736          PLACE: ,Prince William,VA
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: Bef    1773          PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Benjamin GORDON-4755
---- BORN: Abt    1738          PLACE: ,Prince William,VA
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: Ruth GORDON-4756
---- BORN: 14 Aug 1740          PLACE: ,Prince William,VA
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:  9 Oct 1810          PLACE: ,Washington,TN
     BUR.:                      PLACE: ,Washington,TN
     SPOUSE: Jacob BROWN Col.-4785                                      MRIN: 1332
     MARR: Abt    1760          PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
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HUSBAND John GORDON-4743                                                                     Yr of Birth 1710
WIFE    Ruth R.-4753                                                                         Yr of Birth 1718
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: William GORDON-4757
---- BORN: Abt    1742        PLACE: ,Fairfax,VA
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:        1782        PLACE: ,Ninety-Six Dist.,SC
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Elizabeth-4790                                                           MRIN: 1333
     MARR: Abt    1770        PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
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 6.  NAME: Govin GORDON-4758
---- BORN: Abt    1747        PLACE: ,Fairfax,VA
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: Abt    1815        PLACE: ,Jones,GA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Sarah CLARK-4795                                                         MRIN: 1334
     MARR: Abt    1778        PLACE: ,,SC
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 7.  NAME: George GORDON-4759
---- BORN:  2 May 1752        PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:        1832        PLACE: ,St. Helena Par.,LA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Elizabeth-4803                                                           MRIN: 1335
     MARR:        1779        PLACE: ,,SC
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HUSBAND John GORDON-4743 Yr of Birth 1710
WIFE Ruth R.-4753 Yr of Birth 1718

HUSBAND - John GORDON-4743

B date est from b of 1st son abt 1735; John might have been abt 25. B place, d date & place from GDS w/o citations. (All info below from this source unless otherwise stated.) If this est b. date of 1710 is anywhere near correct, he could not have been b. in Prince William Co since that was not formed until 1730/1. In 1710 this area was part of Stafford Co.

[GDS reports "thorough search" of records in Richmond & in Fairfax & Prince Wm Cos, also King George & Stafford Cos from which Prince Wm was formed, showed no other records of John Gordon or Ruth. Noted Stafford Co records missing b/4 1720, period when John's father might have entered VA & when John born.]

Earliest record of John is when he was already adult (abt 23?), "planter, of Prince William Co." On 27-8 Jan 1733 Geo Slater sold John Gording (sic) 367 acres in Prince William Co "among the broken hills on branches of Clark's Run 12 mi above Goose Creek" joining land of Widow Hawlin (Halling) [Prince William Co Deed Book B, pp 304-7]. In 1742 this became Fairfax Co (& is now in Loudoun Co.) This is in extreme N of VA, within 20 mi of Harper's Ferry.

In Oct 1998 JMF & JGF explored "the broken hills on branches of Clark's Run." This is a good description of what are today forests & open pasture in the foothills of the Catoctin Mountains. They slope steeply toward the Potomac, only 3-4 mi east, & are cut by deep gullies of the upper branches of a small creek, Clark's Run. (Cf Sorrel/Gordon/Sanford Notes, Part 5, pp 1-3 for detailed description.)

Altho John was styled "planter" in this deed, the size of his farm belies this exalted title. He was a small landowner (classified as owners of 1 to 349 acres) & prob closer to the class of yeomen who owned their own land but tilled it w/ their own hands, perhaps w/ the help of a servant or 2. There is no evidence he owned slaves, either here or in SC. These freeholders were a small minority in VA from 1680 to 1760, overall 20% to 30% of the population. ["Albion's Seed," Fischer, DH, NY, Oxford U Press, 1989, pp 374-5]. Tobacco was VA's great cash crop in these yrs, & John prob grew it if he had some land flat enough. Looking at those steep fields, however, I suspect most of his land was in corn. Nevertheless, he was of some substance, being security on a bond of 500 pounds in a will in 1744. He witnessed many deeds & wills 1733-44 [cf GDS for details].

1st 6 (of 7) children born here; 1st 4 in Prince William Co; 2 after 1742 in Fairfax Co.

Carolina Colony had been divided into Royal Colonies of N & S Carolina in 1729. In order to attract settlers to thinly populated "Upcountry" (both to create buffer b/n coastal plantations & Indians & also to increase ratio of whites to black slaves) Gov James Glenn of SC offered bounty land: 100 acres for husband; 50 acres each for wife & all children 2-14. Problem was that border b/n S & NC was uncertain: 1st attempt at survey in 1730 but not settled until 1815.

Why did John move to far-away SC? Obviously here was an opportunity to get not

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only more but also better land than his rather marginal land in VA. Another factor may have been slavery. In 1690, slaves were only 5% of VA's population; by 1750 they were 40% -- 120,000 out of 340,000. Yeoman farmers could not compete w/ this cheap labor.

John petitioned for land in Mar 1749. On 16 May 1749 he & wife Ruth (1st mention of her in records) "of Truro Parish" sold same 367 acres to Wm Evans of Lancaster Co, PA "because of moving" for 160 pounds, abt 9 shillings/acre [Fairfax Co Deed Book B-1, 467-71]. They prob headed south shortly after.

Truro Parish was a political subdivision, the north section of Prince William Co which would eventually become Fairfax & Loudoun Cos. There was a Truro parish church abt 1/2 way b/n John's land & Leesburg, but it was Anglican. The Gordons prob worshiped at Kittocktin Presbyterian Church, which was 5 mi N of Leesburg & 1 1/2 mi S of Waterford. This was abt 6 mi across the Catoctins from John's farm. The church is gone, but a history written in 1904 says, The old graveyard, in which the remains of so many of the early settlers were buried, is enclosed by a solid stone wall. [Cf Notes, p 3 for ref] We did NOT investigate this.

John was granted 450 acres (100 for him, 50 for Ruth, 300 for 6 children) in network of small valleys w/ rich cane-covered bottoms on north bank of Collins (later Enoree) River in "Fork" b/n where it & Tyger River join Broad River. Est abt 10-15 mi NE of town of Newberry, SC. Cf modern map & plat certified 7 Aug 1750 [SC Archives: Colonial Plats, Vol 5, p 112] in file. Royal Grant to John from George II on 6 Nov 1751 was witnessed by Gov Glenn of SC [SC Archives, Royal Grants, Vol 4, Pt II, p 529; copy in file.] Deed specified rent 3 shillings/100 acres every 25 Mar & within 3 yrs 1 acre for every 500 be either cleared or cultivated or have dwelling built thereon; also must keep 5 head of cattle for every 500 acres.

Leesburg, abt 8 mi S of John's land, grew there b/c this was where the Carolina & Ridge Roads crossed. The [Blue] Ridge Road, now State Highway 7, runs W to Snicker's Gap in the Blue Ridge. On the other side of this fairly steep Gap is the wide, shallow, rocky Shenandoah River. Across that, one is in the Shenandoah Valley which, as described later, might have been the route the Gordons took to SC.

More likely, the Gordons followed the Carolina Road, now US 15. JGF & RKF traced its full length from Leesburg to Oxford, NC, in Aug 2000. It goes almost due S thru Warrenton, Culpeper, Orange & Gordonsville over gently rolling farm & forest land w/ only a few hilly spots which would not have been serious obstacles to wagons. 1st major rivers it crosses are the Rivanna at Palmyra &, a few miles further on, the James. These were prob too wide & swift to ford; the Gordons prob ferried across them. The land on S from there is almost flat, w/ only 2 more major rivers to cross: Appomatox (only abt 5 yds wide here) & the Roanoke, which would have to have been ferried too, I believe.

U.S. 15 meets I-85 at Oxford, NE of Durham. At about this point, the Gordon party would have met the Occaneechi Path, which went W from there, prob following the course of modern I-85 to Greensboro & then I-40 to [Winston-] Salem. At Salem, the Path met the Great Wagon Road coming down from Fancy Gap

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in the Blue Ridge. From there on the Gordons would have traveled the rest of the way to SC along the route described below.

In Nov 1997, JGF & JMF traced what they thought then would have been a likely route for the Gordons to have traveled down thru the gently rolling Shenandoah Valley. The 1st 80 mi (to abt site of modern Roanoake -- nothing was there then) would have been fairly easy, even on primitive roads of the day. Next 50 mi, to Ft. Chiswell, would have been more difficult. Hills & deep valleys cut across the Valley floor. From Ft. Chilswell, the Great Wagon Road (now I-77) passes thru a dramatic gap in the Blue Ridge abt 15 mi S of the Fort. The road thru "Fancy Gap" would have been fairly easy, but on the other side the grade down is so steep even modern I-77 is lined w/ runaway truck ramps. Far below on the left one can see the flat expanse of the North Carolina Piedmont stretching E & S to the horizon.

Having followed both possible routes S from Leesburg, I have no doubt the Carolina Road (U.S.15) was far easier & the most likely one the Gordons took.

Once down on the high, rolling Piedmont plateau, Great Wagon Road turned E & followed Yadkin River to a place where, 3 yrs later, "Pennsylvania Dutch" would start settlement they called Salem (now Winston-Salem). There the Great Wagon Road met the Occaneechi Path described above. Gordons prob followed that Path S to where Salisbury would be founded 3 yrs later. Then they trudged SE, overland to Charlotte, which was founded in 1750. (Its founders may have arrived there abt same time as the Gordons.) Here they entered the broad, flat Catawba River valley.

From Charlotte, they might have gone further W on the Lower Cherokee Traders Path. However, it would have been shorter & no more difficult to go S on the Catawba Path to where the Catawba River swings E. At that point they were abt 30 mi from their new home. To reach it, they may, for 1st time, have had no established road to travel. (All other roads to this point, as well as those on into GA, were originally ancient Indian trails. Cf Maj Thomas Gordon #747 for details.) Modern SC highways #200 & #34, which may follow an old Indian trail, emerge from Catawba valley, go over a slightly higher plateau, cross the Little River, & descend into the valley of the broad Broad River. The Enoree flows into the Broad near here. A few miles up the Enoree, on its N bank, was John Gordon's royal grant. They had trekked almost 400 mi, and it prob took abt 3 weeks.

Entire Fork area is now part of Sumpter Nat'l Forest, a vast, dense growth of pine & hardwoods. Thus this land has returned to what was undoubtedly its pristine state when the Gordons arrived. (In fact, the entire route S of Shenandoah Valley had been thru dense forests.) Abt 1/3 of their 450 acre grant, that bordering the Enoree, was swamp. Viewed from across the river today, it appears to be an impassable jungle of huge pines & hardwoods. One wonders if the Gordons even attempted to clear it. Beyond this swamp were 300 acres of higher land, ready to be farmed -- once it was cleared. John was abt 40; his sons were abt 15, 14, & 12. One wonders how long it took this little party, w/ ax & saw, to clear this land for the plow. However, they had prob traveled w/ other families. Dicksons, Awbreys & Nolands from Fairfax Co also settled near them. Neighbors must have pitched in to help each other.

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"...Between the years 1749 and 1758, a number of other Presbyterians settled along the Enoree and Tyger Rivers and Old Indian Creek near Maybinton in Newberry Co. Some of these located in part of what is now Union Co. Among those who built their crude log huts in this area were the Ottersons, Hamiltons, Gordons & McJunkins." [History of Union County, SC, Union Co. Historical Foundation, 1977, pg 1]

The Gordons were true pioneers. In all that long trek thru the back-country of VA, NC & SC, only 1 of the cities which now dot it even existed, and that 1, Charlotte, was no more than a few cabins. Furthermore, the Gordons were among the 1st settlers in the Fork. The land on 3 sides of John's grant was still vacant when it was surveyed. Each of the next 3 generations of Gordons would abide by this precedent as the moved west.

15 month lag b/n petition & certification of grant may indicate confused border; land was 1st thought to be in Anson Co, NC. Seat of modern Anson Co is Wadesboro, SOUTHEAST of Charlotte. In 1750s Anson Co must have included much of NW part of SC.)

At that time (& since 1683) SC divided into 3 counties: Berkeley, Colleton & Craven, which ran from coast to upper limits of colony. Santee River divided Craven & Berkeley w/o any confusion about boundary until reached junction of Broad & Saluda Rivers near present Columbia. From that point N was doubt whether Broad or Saluda was dividing line. As result adjoining lands between these rivers might be located, 1 in Berkeley, 1 in Craven Co. (This explains why John's property said to be in Berkeley Co after it was decided it was in SC.) In 1769 counties abolished & province divided into 7 judicial districts. Gordon property was then in 96 District. In 1795, 96 District was divided into counties, one being Newberry. There was NO Berkeley Co from 1769 until modern one formed in 1882. Union Co had similar checkered history; was formed from Pinckney District in 1798. [History of Newberry Co, p 8; Genealogists' Handybook, p 254] Thus John actually d & buried in old Berkeley Co; these sites now in Newberry & Union Cos.

NOTE: EARLY SC COURT RECORDS ARE IN MESNE CONVEYANCE OFFICE, CHARLESTON, SC. ALL NEWBERRY & UNION COUNTY LAND RECORDS INVOLVING GORDONS 1785-1820 ARE LISTED IN SORREL/GORDON/SANFORD NOTES, PART 4, PP 7-9. No actual deeds were examined.

Within 4 yrs of arrival John began acquiring land: Aug 1753, issued 300 acres on N side of Tiger River on Beaverdam Creek below James Otterson's in Anson Co, NC. (This indicates NC boundry was still very near Gordon property.) Date? Purchased 50 acres adjoining his land in Berkeley Co, SC. Dec 1753, John Gordon "of Berkeley Co" purchased 300 acres on S side Tiger River in Anson Co, NC. Feb 1754, issued 300 acres adjoining his property on Enoree River. May 1754, issued 465 acres on S side Tiger River, Anson Co. Sept 1754, issued 640 acres at head of Little River on N side Broad River, Anson Co. Total acres owned by end of 1754: 2505! [Deed refs in GDS, but sale prices not mentioned.] "Issued" land apparently grants; i.e., paid for only 350 acres. Since he sold his land in settled VA for only 9 shillings/acre, land was prob much cheaper on unsettled frontier. The 160 pounds he realized from his VA land would have bought far more than these 350 acres.

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He divided most tracts into "tenement plantations" which he apparently rented to other settlers. If he had any slaves, there must have been very few. In 1759 census of this area there were nearly 7000 whites & only 300 slaves [History Newberry Co, p 11]. Most frontier settlers were Baptists, Presbyterians & Lutherans w/ antipathy toward Anglicans on the coastal plantations. They MAY not have approved of slavery.

4 Feb 1755 was signer of petition to Gov Glenn for troop of rangers to protect "inhabitants of Saludy, Enoree & parts adjacent" from Indians [Hist. Newberry Co, p 34].

D intestate 1756, prematurely. Youngest child was only 7. GDS thinks might be b in "Gordon-Chick graveyard in lower Union Co," possible site of Littleton's (Baptist) Meetinghouse. [Latter stood on bank of Enoree River near Littleton's Ferry per Bicentennial Hist of Newberry Co, p 300.] GDS say no headstone for him, but Eli Gordon Sr [his grandson, son of Maj Thomas Gordon] & his wife Rebecca buried here. Last item proves this is identical with "Gordon Family Cemetery 6 mi SE of Whitmire in Union Co" (cf Eli Gordon #4517), which is also shown on map of original Gordon lands to be in them, on N side of Enoree. (Because of thick woods full of deer hunters, we did not attempt to find it.) Burrell Chick was involved in 3 land deals w/ Gordons in 1813, indicating the Chicks were early settlers & may have family members buried in same cemetery.

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Analysis of places where John & his descendents died (if known) gives microcosm of how the South was settled. John (Generation I) migrated from VA to SC. Of his 7 children (Gen II), we know 3 d in SC, 1 in TN, I in GA, 1 in LA. By Gen III, 2 still d in SC, 2 in TN, 1 in KY, 2 in GA, 6 in AL, 3 in MS, 2 in LA. Of the few traced in Gen IV (John Wheeler Gordon's gen), 2 d in SC, 5 in GA, 7 in AL, 5 in MS. Even fewer were traced in Gen V (Martha Elizabeth Gordon's): 1 d in GA, 10 in AL, 4 in MS, 7 in TX. THEY ALL STAYED IN THE SOUTH. No one we know of went farther N than KY.

WIFE - Ruth R.-4753

Nothing known of her before her participation in 1749 sale of land, to which she affixed her mark (cf. husb John Gordon's note).

B date est from prob age 18+ at b of 1st child in abt 1735. D aft Apr 1773 because deed 12-13 Apr 1773 from Thomas Gordon to bro William mentions land adjoins "plantation whereon Mrs Ruth Anderson now lives." [Deed Book Q-4, p 174, Mesne Conveyance Office, Charleston]

In Apr 1756 son Thomas sold her, for 50 pounds, 640 acres he had inherited from his father at head of Little River on N side Broad River [deed cited in GDS].

In 1762 r'c'd payment for pork supplied to Fort William Henry (earlier Gordon's Fort) during Cherokee War.

1763 m Abraham Anderson of Berkely Co, widower w/ grown family living in Fork who was prob much older than Ruth. He d 1764. His will, proved 5 Jan 1765

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[Will Book 1760-87, pp 446-7, Office of Ordinary, Charleston, text in GDS] left land to Ruth's sons William, Govin & George; named Ruth Anderson & her son Thomas Gordon executors.

GDS says in 1765 she moved back to Gordon homestead, now owned by son George, who was only 13. Govin, in his teens, owned adjoining land.

Signed Renunciation Deed 10 Dec 1771 [Mesne Conveyance Office, Charleston. Book Y-3, p 343, text in GDS]. That deed signed "Ruth R. (her mark) Anderson," which indicates initial of maiden name was R.

Other marriages:

1763	Abraham ANDERSON-4761	MRIN: 1327

CHILD 1 - Thomas GORDON Major-747

All info from GDS unless otherwise noted. B place in part of Prince William Co which became Fairfax Co in 1742 & finally Loudoun Co in 1757. B yr est from fact father got 50 acres in SC for each of 6 children in 1749, & eldest could not be >14.

Lived w/ parents in Fairfax Co b/4 family moved to SC in 1749; i.e., when he was abt 14. Cf father's note (4743) for route followed.

Earliest record of Thomas: 4 parcels of land on Enoree or Tiger Rivers or on Long Lick, all in Anson Co, NC, totaling 1250 acres "issued" to him b/n Feb & May 1754. (Same time father John was acquiring land in same area.) Apparently these were grants, not purchases. Thus was major land owner at est age 19. Turned it into "tenement plantations;" i.e,, share-cropped w/ renters. This part of Anson Co, NC, became Ninety-Six District, SC (so named after principle town of Dist, which was 96 mi from Fort Prince George on Keowee River) & in 1795 became Newberry & Union Cos. [Above deeds cited in GDS]

B/4 father's death in 1756 he m Elizabeth (Caldwell or Anderson?). "Gabriel Anderson & Thomas Gordon to administer on the estate of Joshua Anderson, late of Enoree River, as nearest of kin, 8 Mar 1769." [Abstracts from Records of Court of Ordinary, 1764-71, SC Hist & Geneal Mag, vol 31, #1, Jan 1930, p 156] [JMF thinks this supports belief that Thomas m Elizabeth ANDERSON, not Elizabeth Caldwell, dau of John Caldwell, as family tradition had it. Will of Abraham Anderson, 2nd husband of Thomas' mother Ruth, (cf her note #4753) named son Joshua & later doc named son Gabriel, so "Elizabeth" could have been their sis. However, Thomas might also have qualified as "nearest of kin" as son of Joshua's father's widow (cf below)].]

When his father died intestate, by law of primogeniture Thomas inherited all of his 2505 acres. He sold off most of this to his mother & bros (cf their notes; deed citations in GDS).

In spite of large land holdings, never identified self as "planter;" in one deed was "wheelwright." Known to have raised horses & livestock for British Army, for r'c'd payment in 1762 for supplying Gordon's Fort (later Fort Wm Henry) on Enoree.

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All 5 of his children b in Berkeley Co (not current Berkeley Co; this was 1 of 3 orig SC counties, dissolved when Colony divided into 7 Judicial Districts in 1769) or Newberry Co (various sources give its formation 1781, 83, 85, 95).

1759: Appears to have moved to 1 of his plantations on S side of Enoree River, which now forms part of border b/n Newberry & Union Cos. Prob served in engagements against Cherokees in Indian War (1759-61), for was referred to as "Captain" at least as early as 1766. Gov Glenn had made peace w/ Cherokees in 1755, but they thought his successor, Gov Littleton, was treating them unjustly. Indians raided border settlements, so forts were built in which settlers lived, going back & forth to homes & farms when thought safe to go. 2 forts were on Enoree, the one nearest Gordon family called Gordon's Fort. These were part of line of forts extending all way from VA to GA to hold off Chrokees. W/ help from British Army, Cherokees forced to sue for peace in 1761. [Landrum's Colonial & Revolutionary History of Upper SC, cited in GDS]

1765: Appointed a commissioner to build road from Gordon's Fort on Enoree to Kirkland's ferry on Saluda. This "River Road" paralleling Broad River was earliest road in Fork. In 1770 a commissioner to build road from Enoree to Fish Dam ford on Broad R. This was extended as "96 Road," forming boarder b/n Newberry & Laurens Cos, to 96, & thence to Augusta, GA. [Hist Newberry Co, pp 68-9]

Road from Enoree to Saluda is prob what is now SC highway #34. As it crosses Newberry Co, land is flat &, at that time, was prob forested except where settlers had cleared. Crossing valley of Saluda River, as broad as the Broad, there are fairly steep hills & dales. Terrain flattens again as road approaches 96. Road Maj. Thomas was involved in building from 96 to Augusta goes S on what are now SC 248 & US 25. Terrain is gently rolling, cut by frequent creeks, & was also undoubtedly thickly forested in 18th century. (Road builders did not cut their way thru trackless forest. We know Upper Trading Path W from Augusta was ancient Indian trail [cf Thos Gordon Jr #744 for details]. So too were the trails that converged on 96 & made it such a strategic site. Thus builders prob had only to improve those ancient tracks enough to make wagon passage possible.) Augusta, founded in 1735 & already a thriving commercial center in 1770s, is on W side of great Savannah River. From there, there was ready access to open sea downstream at Savannah.

1769: Tax assessor & collector; Sept-Oct 1776, justice of peace, 96 District [Hist Newberry Co, p 41, 68].

11 Jan 1775: 1st SC Provincial Congress met in Charleston to carry out plan proposed by Continental Congress to prevent importation of British goods. Among members of committee to carry out non-importation policy in Fork of Broad & Saluda was "John" Gordon, but GDS thinks this was Thomas. [Known that Thomas bro John d b/4 1773.]

Hist Newberry Co, pp 67-8 says he served as officer in Revolutionary War "from Snow Campaign of 1775 until cessation of hostilities." Former occured in Dec. Troops under Col Richardson, which included Col Brandon's unit, pursued Tories to Reedy River in Cherokee country & defeated a force attempting to raise the Indians against the rebels. (Col Brandon was prob Gordon neighbor.

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Several Brandons appear in Newberry & Union Co land deals w/ Gordons.)

Nat Archives has only 1 listing of a Thomas who served in Revolutionary War: "Gordon, Thomas: 5 SC Regt, enlisted 22 May 1776." This was prob a different Thomas Gordon b/c SC State Archives have many documents on man who surely was ours. [Xerox cc of these in Gordon file.] These show he served as private for 355 days in 2nd Co, Charleston Battery of Artillery in 1780-1. Was paid for "militia duty" in Brandon's Regt in 96 District from fall of Charleston (12 May 1780) to "Anderson's return" (refers to officer in 96 Dist who handled accts until end of war). [Cannot explain overlap b/n these dates & artillery service. Signatures on all documents identical, so can sure both done by same man.] May have been in siege of Star Fort, British stonghold near 96, under Gen Nathaniel Green May-June 1781. Other records (also in file) show sold steers to militia in June 1779; lost horse in service, June 1779; had horse impressed into service 1780. Wrote order in 96 Dist 28 July 1785 requesting "Mssrs Blake & Boequet" to deliver "my indent" (certificate for 49 pounds, 14 shillings due him for his militia service) to a Col. Lindsey. Lindsay endorsed indent 27 May 1786 that he had r'c'd "full satisifaction for this acct."

Rank other than pvt not mentioned in any doc but may have been major in Brandon's Regt. Many post-war docs refer to him as "major." Note all this military service done after he was 40 yrs old.

Americans fought 137 battles w/ British Army & its Loyalist allies in SC, most of these b/n fall of Charleston in May 1780 & Battle of Eutaw Springs in Sept 1781. At close of War, SC was laid waste & disorganized. Chaotic conditions prevailed until new federal govt established in 1789 [Encyclopedia Americana, vol 25, p 295].

"In 1781, the county (Newberry) was formed from part of old 96 District, & ...for the District of the lower section, between Broad & Saluda Rivers [i.e., present Newberry Co; these rivers form its E & S borders], members...were Major Thomas Gordon, State Senator..." ["Newberry Co, SC, Historical & Genealogical" G.L.Summer, Newberrry SC, 1950, p 28]. "Maj Thomas Gordon...was the 1st Sheriff of Newberry Co when the county was established in 1782 (sic). He was, too, a Justice of the Peace..." in 1784-86 [ibid, p 342]. Another source says he began 2 yr term as 1st sheriff on 5 Sept 1785 in home of Col Robt Rutherford, where 1st county court was held. [Annals of Newberry, Vol 1, J.B. O'Neall, 1892, p 159, copy in Gordon/Sanford file] Was the Col father or other relative of John Rutherford #769, who m. Maj. Thomas son Thomas II's widow, Sarah in 1812?

1790 Census, 96 Dist, Newberry Co, SC: Thomas Gordin (sic): 4 M >16 (Thomas, head of household, & 3 younger sons, Jesse, Eli & Thomas Jr); 1 F >16 (wife Elizabeth). Known that 2 oldest children m b/4 1790. [I am sure the Thomas Gordon listed in Orangeburgh Dist, Southern Part, was NOT Major Thomas. This was far downstate from Newberry Co, & we know Major Thomas lived in or near Newberry Co until he died.]

1785-96: Thomas & wife Elizabeth buy & sell land in Newberry & Union Cos (deeds cited in GDS & listed in Sorrel/Gordon/Sanford Notes, Part 4, pp 8-9.) Holographic copies & transcriptions of 3 of these deeds in Gordon file: 1) 28 Dec

1785: purchased 310 acres on S side of Broad River abutting John Gordon; 2) 30 May 1786: purchased 100 acres on S Side of Enoree abutting Joshua Anderson [possibly his wife's bro? Cf note re him on pg 3 of this FGR]; 3) 7 Sept 1789: bought at sheriff's auction 250 acres b/n Broad & Saluda Rivers "on Beaverdam, a branch of the Bush River."

Cf also copy of Newberry Co grantors' index 1785-1840 in file which shows many more land sales.

"In the Enoree section the people on Indian Creek organized a [Presbyterian] congregation by that name in 1768...Closely associated with Indian Creek was the congregation of Grassy Spring, which began as a branch of the former. The settlers between the Enoree & the Tyger petitioned the SC Presbytery on 24 Sept 1794 to be taken under its care & supplied a minister...Maj Samuel Otterson & Maj Thomas Gordon were elders." [Hist Newberry Co, p 81]

Altho remaining resident of Newberry Co, in 1792 he started buying & selling land in GA. 20 yrs before he had been involved in building road from 96 to old city of Augusta on Savannah River. By 1790, Creek Indians had ceded the territory b/n the Savannah & Oconee Rivers, & settlers were flooding in. (Beyond Oconee was still Indian territory.)

Indenture 3 Nov 1792 b/n Thomas Gordon of Newberry Co, SC, & Geo Grizzle, once soldier of GA, now of SC. Grizzle sold 287 1/2 acres "situated in Georgia & now County of Green on waters of Great Shoulderbone Creek...surveyed 6 June 1784 & granted by Gov. of GA 30 Sept 1784" for 75 pounds. [Hancock Co. Deed Book C, p 33] (Hancock Co formed out of Greene Co in 1793.)

Shoulderbone Creek can be seen today by driving 8 mi NW of Sparta on GA 16 to Dickens Pond Rd. Turning L here, road winds down several miles to an embankment which dams the Creek, creating a pond on L. Creek flows out of culvert on R. A stagnant tributary runs in from S, which we believe is Fort Creek. Grizzle's land was located near junction of Fort & Shoulderbone Creeks. Whole area is so overgrown w/ scrub forest that it's impossible to see what these 287 1/2 acres looked like after they had been cleared & farmed.

Indenture 27 Nov 1795 b/n Maj Thomas Gordon of Newberry Co, SC, & Benjamin Gordon of Hancock Co, GA. Benjamin paid Thomas $300 for 143 3/4 acres, being 1/2 bounty land surveyed for Geo Grizzle 6 June 1784, now in Hancock Co. [Hancock Co Deed Book AB, p 206] This might have been Maj. Thomas' bro Benjamin but prob was his son Benjamin, already living in GA in 1790 so not in 1790 SC Census. GDS also records Benjamin Gordon & wife Mary selling same land in 1796, & know son Benjamin m to a Mary.

Indenture same date b/n Thomas & David Dickson of Hancock Co: Thomas sells other 1/2 of Grizzle land for 55 pounds. [Deed Book 3, p 39]

1800 Census, Newberry Dist, SC, pg 76: Thomas Gorden (sic): 1 M >45 (Thomas); 1 F >45 (his wife); 0 slaves; 1 M 26-45. Latter prob NOT a son b/c Benjamin & Eli were on same census page & Jesse was living near his Uncle Govin in adjoining Union Dist. This MIGHT have been Thomas Jr, then 26 or 27, but we know he was married & had 2 children by that time. Furthermore, it's almost certain he

moved to GA by 1800. (Cf. Thomas II's note #744 for proof of latter, & other sons' notes for 1800 SC Census listings.) Therefore, do not know who the M 26-45 could have been.

D intestate at home 2 June 1808. D yr per GDS A receipt shows Eli Gordon paid Dr Richard Huson 20 May 1810 for visiting ailing Maj Gordon Mar 24, 27, 28 & April 1, 3, 1808 for "riding 5 mi each visit @ $1.25 each visit..."

"I do hereby certify that I give up all right to administration in the estate of my deceased husband to Sam'l & Eli Gordon. Sertifyed by me this 27th day of Oct 1808." (signed) Elizabeth Gordon [her mark]; Test. Jesse Gordon. On same piece of paper: "I do certify that I give up my right of administration in the estate of my deceased father to Sam'l Otterson & Eli Gordon." (signed) Benjm. Gordon & Jesse Gordon.

24 Oct 1808: Administrative bond $2000 issued to Samuel Otterson, Eli, Benjamin & Jesse Gordon; Otterson & Eli named administrators. Inventory included farm animals & tools, furniture, kitchenware, I male & 1 female slave, etc. Total value not given, & land holdings (which must have been considerable!) not mentioned. Everything sold (auctioned?) 12 Nov 1808. [Copies of all 3 documents above in Gordon file; obtained from Maj. Thomas' estate papers in Newberry Co Probate Estate abstracts, Box 8, Pkg 11, Newberry Co Courthouse]

CHILD 2 - John GORDON Jr.-4754

B in VA; was about 13 when family moved to SC.

In Apr 1756 Thomas Gordon sold bro John for 50 pounds 300 acres of land Thomas had inherited from their father. Nov 1756 sold another 300 acres for 20 pounds.

Ensign John Gordon Jr fought in Col John Chevillette's Army in Cherokee War 1759-61.

Apr 1773 Thomas Gordon sold bro William former parcel of land, "...sd Thomas Gordon being heir at law of John Gordon, Jr, deceased. Thus John d before 1773 & either never m, or his wife had d before that w/o issue. GDS says he never m.

All above info from GDS.

CHILD 3 - Benjamin GORDON-4755

B in VA; was abt 11 when family moved to SC in 1749

In Apr 1756 Thomas Gordon & wife Elizabeth sold to bro Benjamin for 50 pounds 300 acres messuage (i.e., land w/ building on it) tenement plantation on S side Tyger River inherited from their father John Gordon & for 50 pounds another 300 acre messuage tenement plantation on S side of Tyger River on Fishing Creek. [Both deeds cited in GDS]

Benjamin fought as pvt under Col John Chevillette in Cherokee War 1760-61.

In Revolutionary War was pvt in Col Waters' Regt from fall of Charleston to "Anderson's Return" (1780-81).

GDS states no records on Benjamin Gordon after this date.

In 1795 Thomas Gordon sold land in Hancock Co, GA, to a Benjamin Gordon. This was prob not this Benjamin but Thomas' son Benjamin (cf his note #4519).

All above info from GDS.

CHILD 4 - Ruth GORDON-4756

She was 9 when her parents moved to SC. Abt 20 when she married & lived in Berkeley Co, SC, long enough to bear all 4 children there (last b 1767-70).

She abt 31-2 when entire family moved to estab 1 of first settlements in TN. When she was abt 45, husb d intestate & she took over mgmt of his extensive interests.

She outlived husb by 25 yrs. Buried w/ him in family plot "at mouth of Cherokee Creek in Washington Co." [Since orig settlement was near present town of Erwin, county seat of Unicoi Co, formed from Washington Co in 1875, plot may now be in Unicoi Co.]

CHILD 5 - William GORDON-4757

In Apr 1756 Thomas Gordon & wife Elizabeth sold for 50 pounds 460 acres on S side Tyger River inherited from their father John Gordon.

In Jan 1765 Abraham Anderson, 2nd husb of Ruth Gordon, bequeathed William "1 negro boy Babb."

Abt 1770 he m Elizabeth _____.

In 1773 Thomas Gordon sold to William Gordon, planter, for 300 pounds 300 acre plantation on N side Enoree "joining the plantation where Mrs Ruth Anderson now lives." This was land originally sold to John Gordon, Jr. & inherited by Thomas on John's death. GDS says William prob had been living on land purchased in 1756 & was now (1773) moving to be near his mother.

Served as Capt in Col Brandon's Regt b/4 & after fall of Charleston in 1780. Made his will 19 April 1781. Was at home, prob sick or wounded. Will probated 7 Nov 1782 establishes d yr. Left 150 acres apiece to sons William, John & Posey; "plantation where I now live" + 50 acres to dau Cassey; "all my negroes & residue of my estate" to loving wife Elizabeth. Executors wife, Thomas Gordon, Gabriel Anderson.

All info: GDS

CHILD 6 - Govin GORDON-4758

Born in VA; brought to SC in 1749 when abt 2.

In 1759 Thomas Gordon & wife Elizabeth made Deed of Gift to Govin & George Gordon, "...2 younger bros now under care of their mother Ruth Gordon," of John Gordon's original 450 acres + 50 acres he later purchased (which Thomas had inherited), the land being on N side of Collins (Enoree) River. "Upper part of the large tract that contains 450 acres to be the property, estate &

inheritance of Govin Gordon." [Deed cited in GDS] At that time Govin was abt 12.

He m Sarah [Clark, per JMF] abt 1778, going by b date of 1st child

Revolutionary War: Served 52 days as Lieut of Horse, Capt McKay's Co, in 1778; 61 days as Capt of Foot, 223 days as Capt of Horse, 1 Feb 1779 to 30 Jan 1781, all of this in Col Brandon's Regt, b/4 & after fall of Charleston in 1780.

1800 Census, Union Dist, SC, pg 232 (same pg as his nephew Jesse): Goven (sic) Gordan (sic): 1 M <10, 2 M 16-26, 1 M >45, 1 F <10, 3 F 10-16, 1 F>45, 2 slaves. This accounts for Govin, his wife, 3 known sons & 4 known daughs.

Continued to live in Union Co, SC, after War. Govin & Sarah Gordon sold land there in 1805-6. All children prob b there; 6th m there in 1811. Moved to Jones Co, GA, [which shows that at least 1 member of this generation migrated to GA w/ members of the next; i.e., Maj Thomas' sons Benjamin & Thomas Jr]. 1811 Tax Digest, Jones Co, shows Govin owning 3 slaves & 202 1/2 acres on Cedar Creek.

Jones Co Will Book B, 1815-25, p 54. Written 16 July 1814, probated 14 Dec 1815. "I Goven (sic) Gorden (sic)" leaves everything to beloved wife Ronah (am sure it was not "Sarah") during her life. To youngest son James 1/2 his lands, 1 saddle & bridle, 1 featherbed. To James Awbry 1 saddle & bridle. Aft widow's death, gives James rest of lands & houses + "my part of the distillery." Rest property divided among daughs Rebecah (sic) Noland, Vilet (sic) Chandler, Hannah Dumas, Ruthy Gary. Says he gave other children "all their portion." Executors sons James & Andrew.

Info except census & will from GDS

CHILD 7 - George GORDON-4759

Cf note on father John (4742) for explanation that b place was NOT modern Berkeley Co, SC.

B date & place per GDS. He was only child of John & Ruth b aft move to SC.

In 1759 Thomas Gordon, wheelwright, & wife Elizabeth made Deed of Gift to George (who was then 7) & his bro Govin of their father's original homestead (cf note on Govin #4758). "...the lower part of said 450 acres whereon improvements & dwelling houses of...Ruth Gordon is, to be the Estate inheritance & property of George Gordon." [Deed cited in GDS]

In 1765 Abraham Anderson, 2nd husb of Ruth Gordon, bequeathed to Govin & George Gordon, jointly, 1 negro Chloe.

GDS gives scant info on George & family. First 8 children b in Newberry Co, SC, 8th in 1794. Last 3 b in KY 1797-1803, but 11th died in LA in 1813, which is where George d in 1832. Suggests family moved to KY abt 1794-7, perhaps Livingston Co where son Thomas m in 1804? [KY was already well settled, having been admitted to statehood in 1792. Livingston Co, where both Tennessee & Cumberland Rivers enter Ohio River, was prob reached by floating all the way

down the Tennessee from Appalachian tributaries.] Son John d in KY & dau Nancy m & prob stayed there. Sometime b/n 1804-13 rest of the family moved again, this time prob floating down Mississippi River to settle in lands E of river along border b/n Mississippi & Louisiana Territories. Son Thomas & daus Rachel & Milbrey known to have settled N of boarder, 1st 2 in Amite Co, MS, 3rd in Marion Co, which was formed out of Amite Co in 1811. George & Elizbeth (if she was still living), prob accompanied by 2 youngest sons, William & Lorren, settled across border in St. Helena Parish, LA, which is immediately S of Amite Co.

Author of GDS descended from George, as follows: George m. Elizabeth. Their son, John Gordon (Sr) m Mary Miller. Their son, John Gordon Jr m. Mary Holden. Their dau, Emily Madeline Gordon, m. Henry Carter Lindsey. Their dau, Minnie Madeline Lindsay (sic), m. Jeremiah E. Northcutt. Their dau, Erminie Northcutt (author of GDS) m. Baldwin Daniel Marshall. [Letter from Erminie's sis Camille Northcutt to MWF, date?]

RUTH R. [GORDON]

2nd marriage

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1327

26 Oct 1993

HUSBAND Abraham ANDERSON-4761

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1764 PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 1763 PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE Ruth R.-4753

BORN: Bef 1718 PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft Apr 1773 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE: has other marriages
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
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3. NAME:
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SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

Phone:

HUSBAND Abraham ANDERSON-4761 Yr of Birth
WIFE Ruth R.-4753 Yr of Birth 1718

HUSBAND - Abraham ANDERSON-4761

He was widower w/ grown children when he m Ruth in 1763, 7 yrs after her husb's death. GDS postulates their marriage "was culmination of romance begun during the Cherokee War when women & children lived in forts & older men & young sons were left to protect them."

Will, written 11 July 1763 (soon after marriage, per GDS); proved 5 Jan 1765 (basis of est d. date): named "my loving wife Ruth;" Jacob Brown (husb of Ruth's dau, Ruth Gordon); William, George, Govin Gordon; "my 4 youngest sons Abraham, Henry, Levy & Jacob;" my son Joshua. Executors wife Ruth Anderson, Thomas Gordon, "& my Abel Anderson." [Text & citation in GDS]

Later document (cf Ruth Gordon's note #4753) identified another son, Gabriel.

WIFE - Ruth R.-4753

Nothing known of her before her participation in 1749 sale of land, to which she affixed her mark (cf. husb John Gordon's note).

B date est from prob age 18+ at b of 1st child in abt 1735. D aft Apr 1773 because deed 12-13 Apr 1773 from Thomas Gordon to bro William mentions land adjoins "plantation whereon Mrs Ruth Anderson now lives." [Deed Book Q-4, p 174, Mesne Conveyance Office, Charleston]

In Apr 1756 son Thomas sold her, for 50 pounds, 640 acres he had inherited from his father at head of Little River on N side Broad River [deed cited in GDS].

In 1762 r'c'd payment for pork supplied to Fort William Henry (earlier Gordon's Fort) during Cherokee War.

1763 m Abraham Anderson of Berkely Co, widower w/ grown family living in Fork who was prob much older than Ruth. He d 1764. His will, proved 5 Jan 1765 [Will Book 1760-87, pp 446-7, Office of Ordinary, Charleston, text in GDS] left land to Ruth's sons William, Govin & George; named Ruth Anderson & her son Thomas Gordon executors.

GDS says in 1765 she moved back to Gordon homestead, now owned by son George, who was only 13. Govin, in his teens, owned adjoining land.

Signed Renunciation Deed 10 Dec 1771 [Mesne Conveyance Office, Charleston. Book Y-3, p 343, text in GDS]. That deed signed "Ruth R. (her mark) Anderson," which indicates initial of maiden name was R.

Other marriages:

John GORDON-4743

WILLIAM SANFORD II

~~FGR~~

Capt. ~~Jesse Stanford +~~

~~Martha Goodwyn Mitchell Stanford~~

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1155

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HUSBAND William SANFORD II-4655
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BORN:  Abt   1706          PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
CHR.:                      PLACE:
DIED:  14 Oct 1783         PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
BUR.:                      PLACE:
MARR:                      PLACE:
FATHER: William SANFORD I-4662                                        PARENTS' MRIN: 1153
MOTHER: Jemimah-4663
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WIFE   Barbara-4656
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BORN:                      PLACE:
CHR.:                      PLACE:
DIED:       1797           PLACE: Lunenburg Parish,Richmond,VA
BUR.:                      PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Charles SANFORD-4657
---- BORN: Abt    1732         PLACE: ,Loudoun,VA
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    1782         PLACE:
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Richard SANFORD-4658
---- BORN: Abt    1735         PLACE: ,Loudoun,VA
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: Abt    1795         PLACE:
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: William SANFORD III-3459
---- BORN:    Apr 1734         PLACE: ,Loudoun,VA
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: 17 Dec 1806         PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
     BUR.:                     PLACE: JesseSanfordCem.,Milledgeville,GA
     SPOUSE: Rachel MEDFORD-3460                                      MRIN: 997
     MARR: 19 Feb 1760         PLACE: ,Loudoun,VA
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 4.  NAME: Jeremiah SANFORD-4659
---- BORN:  4 Nov 1739         PLACE: ,Loudoun,VA
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: 11 Aug 1825         PLACE: Greensboro,Greene,GA
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Mary MODESSETT-4844                                      MRIN: 1344
     MARR:        1766         PLACE:
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HUSBAND William SANFORD II-4655 Yr of Birth 1706
WIFE Barbara-4656 Yr of Birth

CHILDREN (continued)

5. NAME: Mary SANFORD-4660
---- BORN: Abt 1741 PLACE: Greensboro,Greene,GA
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft 1782 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: John BULGER-4845 MRIN: 1345
MARR: Bef Mar 1784 PLACE:

6. NAME: Sarah SANFORD-4661
---- BORN: Abt 1743 PLACE: Greensboro,Greene,GA
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft 1782 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: MARMADUKE-4847 MRIN: 1346
MARR: Bef Mar 1784 PLACE:

7. NAME: Barbara SANFORD-6092
---- BORN: Abt 1745 PLACE: Greensboro,Greene,GA
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Bef 1782 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

HUSBAND William SANFORD II-4655 Yr of Birth 1706
WIFE Barbara-4656 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - William SANFORD II-4655

Source: Sanford family Bible in possession of Miss Marie McCombs of Milledgeville GA. "William Sanford, his Good Book for which he paid one hundred weight of tobacco." Bible published 1714. Also from Neal & from Crozier (cf Robt Sanford #1118 for citations).

B est from death at age 79. D date from JMF (from family Bible?). Jibes w/ date his will was proved.

Father bequeathed him "all land where I now live & else not given before" on 28 Feb 1749.

Will, written 31 May 1782, names sons Charles, Richard, William & Jerimiah (sic), & daughs Mary Bulger & Sarah Marmaduke; wife Barbara Sanford. Signed w/ mark. Proved 30 Mar 1784. [Westmoreland Co. VA, Book 16, p 212]

Birth order of children inferred from order named in will.

1994 IGI, Version 3.05, lists family that matches this FGR in names (except for new child #7) & adds b. dates & places as given here (printout in file). LDS film #455020 given as source. Will order to confirm. NB: NOTHING ON LATER GENERATIONS OF THIS FAMILY IN THIS IGI OR IN FHL ANCESTRAL FILE.

If IGI correct on b places of children, William II was in Loudoun Co, VA, from abt 1732 to abt 1740. [Cf son William III's note 3459 for problem of naming this county, which was not formed until 1757.] Neal notes migration north from Westmoreland Co in 1730s & 40s into what became Prince William, Fairfax & ultimately Loudoun Cos. His Uncle Richard (6075) & his cousin John (6251) bought land in Fairfax, & his Aunt Ann Omohundro (6079) moved to Loudoun. Alvin Moxley (5358) bought land in Prince William Co in 1779.

The overland trip from Westmoreland Co to the nethermost reaches of Loudoun Co would have been slow & difficult over primitive roads. However, this trip would have been quick & easy by water -- about a 2-day sail up the broad, placid Potomac.

If IGI is correct, William then moved to Greensboro, Greene Co, GA, & was there until at least 1745. If true, they were among the earliest settlers of GA. That strip of NE GA was settled this early (nearby Augusta was founded in 1734), but Greene Co itself was not formed until 1786.

However, none of this jibes w/ KNOWN fact from his will that he d. in Westmoreland Co, VA. I have used b. places & dates IGI gives for his children pending confirmation from above film, but it is possible William II never left Westmoreland Co.

Notes: John Gordon left Loudoun Co in 1749. His great-grandson John W m. William II's great-granddau Martha Cook Sanford.

William II was the 1st Sanford in our direct line to go south from Westmoreland Co to GA. Alvin Moxley was the 1st Moxley in our direct line to go north from

that county to Prince William. Both families prospered in these new settings. When they married in 1854, did Alvin's great grandson Richard Henry Douglass Sorrel & William's great-great granddaughter Martha Elizabeth Gordon have any inkling that their ancestors had lived cheek-by-jowl in Westmoreland Co for 3 generations?

WIFE - Barbara-4656

Info from JMF. Name spelled Barberry in her will but Barbara in husb's

Will dated 25 April 1797; proved 5 June 1797: I Barberry Sanford of Parish of Lunenburg & Co of Richmond VA...give Thomas James Bulger my Bed & furniture...1 black walnut desk to Richard Bulger...1 Corner Cubberd (sic) to my grandson John Bulger Junr...I give the bullance (sic) of my Tobacco ...to William Henry Sanford. (signed) Barberry X (her mark) Sanford. [Will Book 9, p 73, Warsaw Courthouse, Richmond Co, VA]

William Henry Sanford was a grandson, son of her son Richard (4658). Cf that note for more info. Why didn't she identify him as she did her other grandson?

Since husb d in Westmoreland Co 14 yrs b/4, appears she moved in w/ 1 of her children who living in Lunenburg Parish, Richmond Co--perhaps dau Mary, wife of John Bulger, b/c she bestowed so many of her belongings on Bulgers. NB: Richmond Co is next county S of Westmoreland; not to be confused w/ independent city of Richmond.

CHILD 1 - Charles SANFORD-4657

B date & place from IGI mentioned in father's note. Charles was named in father's will written 31 May 1782.

CHILD 2 - Richard SANFORD-4658

B date & place from IGI mentioned in father's note. This lists Richard as 2nd child, but if William III's b date correct, Richard was 3rd. Nevertheless, I have listed Richard as 2nd b/c he appears in that order in father's will.

Richard was named in father's will written 31 May 1782.

"Family History Record of Eloise Gertrude Sanford Davison," complied by Dorothy H Mercy, 1992 (typescript in Westmoreland Co Research Ctr Library, copy in Moxley/Douglass/(VA) Sanford file) says Richard m. Bethiah Asbury, daugh of Henry Asbury. He was 2nd Lt. in Capt Triplett's Co in Revolutionary War. They had only 1 child, William Henry. Richard d. when son was small child (abt 1795?) & Bethiah m. 2) Wm Crask.

Wm Henry Sanford was b. in Richmond Co, VA, in 1791. he served in artillery in War of 1812. In 1819 he m. 1) widow Mary Weldon Moxley (previous husb not identified). She d. in 1843. In 1844 he m. 2) Mary E Cox. She d. in 1845. In 1846 he M. 3) Mary Jane Sandy. He had 7 children in all.

One of his 4 homes was "Springfield." JMF & JGF found it in Oct 1998 on the E edge of Montross, opposite Dairy Queen. It is a large, 2-story, early 19th century, frame house at the end of a long lane thru soybean fields. Wm Henry & many of his family are buried behind this house, but we did not explore it. The

house is said to still be occupied by Sanfords.

CHILD 3 - William SANFORD III-3459

Info from JMF, who cites Sanford family Bible owned by Miss Marie McComb (Cook) of Milledgeville, GA, for m. info. B & d also? B date consistent w/ death @ age 72 in 1806. Also from Neal (cf Robert Sanford #1118 for citation).

1994 IGI, Version 3.05, gives b date "abt 1737" & b place Loudoun Co, VA, instead of Westmoreland Co per JMF's source. Have better evidence for 1734 b date, but Loudoun b place might be correct. IGI says William II's 1st 4 children b. there. William III was m. there & 1st child b. there, indicating roots in that county. Furthermore, Neal documents migration of other Sanfords up the Northern Neck, thru King George & Stafford Cos, to the future counties of Prince William, Fairfax & Loudoun, starting in the 1730s. [Loudoun Co was not formed until 1757 from Fairfax Co, & Fairfax Co was not formed until 1742 from Prince William Co, which was formed in 1730/1. IGI prob means "what became Loudoun Co." Must confirm from LDS film #455020 cited by IGI.]

B places of William III's other children unknown until Frederick, b 1788 in Westmoreland Co. Therefore he may have moved his family there b/n 1764-1788. This is entirely possible, particularly if William was in the Army from 1775 to 1781 (see below). He might have left his family closer to his many relatives in that county. Note he still managed to father children in 1777 & 1779. They would have been conceived abt Aug 1776 & May 1778.

DAR application filed by Miss McComb states Capt. Wm Sanford "served in Marines on board ship General Washington to carried dispatches to France." Her source: "Part II, Sec. 216. Under William Dove. Viginia Militia in Revolutionary War, McAllister, J.T." However no Sanford or Sandford in Revolutionary War Naval Personnel (Series M880, Roll 4, National Archives) where Marines are listed.

Only 1 William Sanford in Consolidated List of Revolutionary War Service Records, National Archives, who could possibly have been our William III. Age at time he was commissioned (41) is compatible. However, no way to be sure this is indeed him:

William Sanford, Capt, 2nd VA Regt. Started as 2nd Lt, 2nd Battalion, commission dtd 21 Sept 1775. Promoted to Capt 25 Sept 1776. Thru 1777 was Capt of Captain Wm Sanford's Co, 2nd VA Regt of Foot, commanded by Col Alexander Spotswood. Carried on Co payroll thru Mar 1778, pay $40/mo. Name appears on list "Arrangement of VA battalions, White Plains, Aug 1778." Appears as "Capt, Infantry" in "List of officers of VA Line on Continental Establishment who received certificates for balance of their full pay agreeable to Act of Assemby passed Nov Session, 1781." 22 Aug 1783: final pay 248 pounds, 3 s. He did not submit application for pension. [Cf. Sorrel/Gordon Notes, p 19 for details.]

At end of War (whether he served or not), William apparently stayed in VA. He was still in Westmoreland Co when 7th child b in 1788. Sometime after that he migrated to Hancock Co, GA, prob w/ his family. (His 3rd child was only 15 in 1788.) We know 2 younger sons (William & Frederick) located there. Eldest son Jesse may have accompanied them, or perhaps gone on his own. William's bro

HUSBAND William SANFORD II-4655 Yr of Birth 1706
WIFE Barbara-4656 Yr of Birth

Jeremiah had also located in Hancock Co b/4 1810 (cf his note #4659).

These moves were part of the extensive migration from VA to GA aft the Revolutionary War ended in 1783. Hancock Co records show there were Virginia Mitchells & Thweatts there, as well as Gordons from SC.

1806 Hancock Co. Tax Digest, p 41: Wm Sanford owned NO slaves but 3 tracts of land: 202 1/2 acres on Glady (?) Creek in Baldwin Co, 360 acres on Sandy Run in Hancock Co, & 186 acres on Heart's (?) Creek in Warren Co. Indenture below proves these properties belonged to Wm Sanford III. There was another Wm Sanford in this same Digest, not otherwise identified. Seems reasonable to assume that was the son, Wm Sanford IV.

William was prob living w/ son Jesse when he d intestate at age 72 in Baldwin Co, GA. (County created in 1803.) Jesse administered his estate [Baldwin Co . Minute Book 1807-11, p 25]. Actual inventory & appraisal, done 4 July 1809, is in Appraisement Book B, 1807, p 53. Could not find on casual search but doubt this would contain any significant info.

His is the 3rd grave in Jesse Sanford Burial Ground. [cf Jesse's note #749 for directions] Tombstone inscription: Wm
Remains
Sanford Sen

Indenture, 9 May 1814 b/n Jesse Sanford, administrator of estate of William Sanford, Sen, deceased, of Baldwin Co & James Simmons of Hancock Co. On 7 Dec 1813 administrator "did publish & expose at public sale at the Market House in the town of Sparta...one certain tract of land belonging to the estate of the aforesaid deceased in Hancock Co on the waters of Sandy Run...containing 360 acres, which tract...was duly cryd (sic) and was knocked off for the sum of $320..." [Hancock Co Deed Book L, p 419]

CHILD 4 - Jeremiah SANFORD-4659

Wife's name & m. place from JMF; no citations. 1994 IGI Version 3.05 gives b place & agrees w/ d date & place given in the following (which lends weight to its accuracy.)

Genealogy prepared in 1975 by Charlotte Thomas Marshall, 402 Riverview Rd, Athen GA 30601, in the GHS King Collection, VA Historical Soc Library, says he came to GA from Loudoun Co, VA, abt 1810. Obituary in Georgia Journal, Milledgeville, 4 Oct 1825, says he d. in Greene Co 11 Aug 1825 at age 85 yrs, 9 mo, 7 days. It says he was in the Army at Yorktown under Col John Augustine Washington (bro of George). Tombstone in Greensboro says he was b. in VA & confirms these b & d dates.

Loudoun Co deeds in VA State Lib prove Jeremiah was in Loudoun Co in Sept 1787. On that date he purchased a tract in Westmoreland Co from Bushrod Washington, which shows he still had roots there. By July 1810 he was "of Hancock Co, GA." [Deed Books Q, pp 179-80; 2L, pp 62, 514; 2M, pp 2-3.]

CHILD 5 - Mary SANFORD-4660

B date & place from IGI cited in father's note.

HUSBAND William SANFORD II-4655 Yr of Birth 1706
WIFE Barbara-4656 Yr of Birth

Named as Mary Bulger in father's will, proved Mar 1784. Mention of grandson John Bulger Junr in mother's will indicates her husb was John Bulger. Who were Thomas James & Richard Bulger to whom mother also bequeathed items? Other sons? Bros of husb John?

CHILD 6 - Sarah SANFORD-4661

B date & place from IGI cited in father's note. Named in his May 1782 will as Sarah Marmaduke.

CHILD 7 - Barbara SANFORD-6092

Name, b date & place from IGI cited in father's note. She was not mentioned in her father's 1782 will, so was prob dead by that time.

GRANDPARENTS OF MARTHA GOODWIN MITCH

(WIFE OF JESSE SANFORD)

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HUSBAND Thomas MITCHELL-4848
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BORN:     3 Aug 1722          PLACE: Albermarle Par.,Sussex,VA
CHR.:                         PLACE:
DIED:       Jan 1762          PLACE: ,Sussex,VA
BUR.:                         PLACE:
MARR:       Mar 1747          PLACE: ,Surry,VA
FATHER: Henry MITCHELL-4852                                                                            PARENTS' MRIN: 1349
MOTHER: Tabitha BRANCH-4853
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WIFE    Amey GOODWYNE-4849
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BORN:    31 Aug 1732          PLACE: ,Surry,VA
CHR.:                         PLACE:
DIED:    14 Jan 1776          PLACE:
BUR.:                         PLACE:
FATHER: John GOODWYNE-4854                                                                             PARENTS' MRIN: 1350
MOTHER: Winifred TUCKER-4855
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: John MITCHELL-767
---- BORN: 25 Aug 1748           PLACE: ,Sussex,VA
 M   CHR.:                       PLACE:
     DIED:  3 Jan 1804           PLACE: ,Hancock,GA
     BUR.:                       PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Sarah THWEATT-768                                                                         MRIN: 212
     MARR:                       PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Tabitha Susanna MITCHELL-6489
---- BORN:                       PLACE: ,Sussex,VA
 F   CHR.:                       PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    1785           PLACE:
     BUR.:                       PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                       PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Winifred MITCHELL-6490
---- BORN:                       PLACE: ,Sussex,VA
 F   CHR.:                       PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    1761           PLACE:
     BUR.:                       PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                       PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: Thomas MITCHELL-6491
---- BORN:  5 Aug 1756           PLACE: ,Sussex,VA
 M   CHR.:                       PLACE:
     DIED: 27 Jul 1826           PLACE: ,Thomas,GA
     BUR.:                       PLACE: Family cemetery,Thomasville,GA
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                       PLACE:
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HUSBAND Thomas MITCHELL-4848                                          Yr of Birth 1722
WIFE    Amey GOODWYNE-4849                                            Yr of Birth 1732
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5. NAME: Henry MITCHELL-6492
---- BORN:       1760            PLACE: Albermarle Par.,Sussex,VA
 M   CHR.:                       PLACE:
     DIED: 17 May 1839           PLACE: ,Hancock,GA
     BUR.:                       PLACE: Sparta City Cem.,Sparta,GA
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                       PLACE:
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HUSBAND Thomas MITCHELL-4848 Yr of Birth 1722
WIFE Amey GOODWYNE-4849 Yr of Birth 1732

HUSBAND - Thomas MITCHELL-4848

Most information on this family from "Some Notes on Family of John Oliver Mitchell,) typed genealogy prepared by Wallace R Spivey, 100 Lancaster Point, Statesboro, GA (912) 764-8951 in Hancock Pub. Lib., Sparta, GA.

Surry Co is on S side of James River opposite Jamestown, in Tidewater VA. Sussex Co, the next county west, was formed out of Surry in 1753-4. Assume Albermarle Parish is in Sussex but cannot locate w/ maps available.

His will, executed 20 Oct 1761 & proved 18 Mar 1762, is in Suxxex Co Will Book A, p 232 [transcript in Gordon/Sanford file]. He bequeathed to wife Amy 3 "negros" Will, Kate & Peter; to son John slaves Jack & Sarah; to son Henry Peter, Roger & Sarah; to daugh Tabitha Tab & Ben; to daugh Winnefret (sic) Pegg & Charles; to son Thomas Will Cate, Will & Betty + his "land & plantation" of 300 acres. Wife Amy to use "all the lagacies to educate & bring up my children" to age 21. [He was only 39 when he died, & eldest child was only 13.]

WIFE - Amey GOODWYNE-4849

She m. 2) John Raines 5 Oct 1762 in Prince George Co, VA. Note son Thomas m. Ann Raines. Relation?

CHILD 1 - John MITCHELL-767

JMF says he was b. in Dinwiddie Co, Spivey in Sussex. Since Spivey says all subsequent children b. in Sussex, will use this.

Cf note on dau Martha (750) re: his family's migration from VA to GA. Since Occaneechi Path ran just west of Sussex Co, thru Dinwiddie Co (cf note 4743, John Gordon, for description), this is undoubtedly route they followed. Instead of turning W toward Broad River in SC, as Gordons did in 1749, they would have continued to follow Path south along Catawba to Camden, SC, where it turned SW to Augusta, GA. There it connected to trails into GA. ["Early American Migration Routes," Henry C. Guest Jr, Miami Valley (Ohio) Genealogical Soc, 1987, reprinted in CT Nutmegger, pp 593-7, vol & yr not recorded]

CHILD 2 - Tabitha Susanna MITCHELL-6489

Spivey places her 1st in b order, but 8 yr gap b/w bros John & Thomas suggests she prob came b/w them.

Mentioned in father's 1761 will.

She m. Frederick Bates 13 Sept 1785 in Sussex Co.

CHILD 3 - Winifred MITCHELL-6490

She is mentioned in father's 1761 will.

Spivey places her 2nd in b. order, but 8 yr gap b/w bros John & Thomas suggests John was oldest child.

CHILD 4 - Thomas MITCHELL-6491

He is mentioned in father's 1761 will.

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WIFE Amey GOODWYNE-4849 Yr of Birth 1732

He m. Ann Raines, said to have been his cousin. Relation to his step-father, John Raines?

He & wife sold 287 1/2 acres in Hancock Co, GA, to Jesse Sanford 8 Dec 1800 for $1500. Adjoining lands owned by Thomas' bro Henry & bro John's bro-in-law, James Thweatt #1348. [Hancock Co Deed Book E, p 300] Jesse had m. Thomas' niece Martha Goodwyn Mitchell abt 7 yrs before. This is a dramatic example of the closeness of family ties among recent immigrants to GA.

CHILD 5 - Henry MITCHELL-6492

He was mentioned in father's 1761 will.

He m. Frances "Fanny" Hobbs.

Note he owned land adjoining bro Thomas #6491.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-[illegible]

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HUSBAND: James THWEATT-[illegible]

BORN: [illegible] May 1743 PLACE: ,Prince George,VA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: [illegible] PLACE: ,[illegible],VA
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR.: PLACE:
FATHER: John THWEATT-[illegible]
MOTHER: [illegible]

James Thweatt

WIFE: [illegible]

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: John THWEATT-[illegible]
BORN: [illegible] PLACE: ,,VA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR.: PLACE:

2. NAME: [illegible] THWEATT-[illegible]
BORN: [illegible] May [illegible] PLACE: ,,VA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: [illegible] PLACE: ,[illegible],VA
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR.: PLACE:

3. NAME: Thomas THWEATT-[illegible]
BORN: [illegible] PLACE: ,,VA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR.: PLACE:

4. NAME: [illegible] THWEATT-[illegible]
BORN: [illegible] PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR.: PLACE:

Relationship to:

Husband

Wife

Date prepared: [illegible]

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1348

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HUSBAND James THWEATT-4850
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BORN:  12 Mar 1722           PLACE: ,Prince George,VA
CHR.:                        PLACE:
DIED:  Bef   Jan 1758        PLACE: ,Dinwiddie,VA
BUR.:                        PLACE:
MARR:                        PLACE:
FATHER: John THWEATT-6475                                                                             PARENTS' MRIN: 1847
MOTHER: Judith-6476
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WIFE    Sarah STURTEVANT-4851
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BORN:                        PLACE:
CHR.:                        PLACE:
DIED:                        PLACE:
BUR.:                        PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: John THWEATT-6484
---- BORN: 12 Jun 1745          PLACE: ,,VA
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Tabitha THWEATT-6485
---- BORN: 27 May 1749          PLACE: ,,VA
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:       1805           PLACE: ,Hancock,GA
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Thomas THWEATT-6487
---- BORN: Bef    Jan 1758      PLACE: ,,VA
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: Peterson THWEATT-6488
---- BORN: Bef    Jan 1758      PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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HUSBAND James THWEATT-4850                                                        Yr of Birth 1722
WIFE    Sarah STURTEVANT-4851                                                     Yr of Birth
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: James THWEATT-6486
---- BORN:  3 Apr 1752          PLACE: ,,VA
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    1800          PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 6.  NAME: Sarah THWEATT-768
---- BORN:                      PLACE: ,Dinwiddie,VA
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE: ,Hancock,GA
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE: John MITCHELL-767                                               MRIN: 212
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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HUSBAND James THWEATT-4850 Yr of Birth 1722
WIFE Sarah STURTEVANT-4851 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - James THWEATT-4850

Source of all info on Thweatt family: Smith, EW, History of Hancock Co, GA, Vol II, Ancestors, Families & Genealogies, Washington, GA, Wilkes Pub Co, Jan 1974, p 136. (In Hancock Public Library, Sparta, GA)

He moved from Prince George Co to "what was later Dinwiddie Co" & presumably lived there rest of his life. [Dinwiddie, the next county W of Prince George, was created from the latter in 1752. Prince George is on the tidal portion of the James River; Dinwiddie is in the Piedmont, SW of Petersburg. Presumably James took part in migration from Tidewater to Piedmont, as noted with others who eventually migrated to Georgia.]

D. date est from fact he was not mentioned in father's Jan 1758 will while 3 of his sons were.

WIFE - Sarah STURTEVANT-4851

CHILD 1 - John THWEATT-6484

He m. Rebecca Peterson of VA

CHILD 2 - Tabitha THWEATT-6485

She m. John Hamilton of Amelia Co, VA. They were part of the general migration of the Thweatts & other families to GA.

CHILD 3 - Thomas THWEATT-6487

Known only b/c mentioned in grandfather's Jan 1758 will. Place in birth order unknown, but there were gaps among b. dates of other sibs b/4 bro James was b. in 1752 -- & he was NOT mentioned in will.

He was an abuttor to land on Buffalo Creek in Hancock Co which Jesse Sanford sold 4 Dec 1818.

Smith says "he died unmarried."

CHILD 4 - Peterson THWEATT-6488

Known only b/c mentioned in grandfather's Jan 1758 will. Place in birth order unknown, but there were gaps among b. dates of other sibs b/4 bro James was b. -- & latter was NOT mentioned in will.

His name also appears in Hancock Co land and tax records.

CHILD 5 - James THWEATT-6486

He m. Elizabeth Peterson (sis of bro John's wife Rebecca?) 3 April 1777. He migrated to Georgia w/ bro-in-law John Mitchell #767 (husb of sis Sarah #768) abt 1784.

When Jesse Sanford #749 purchased land on Buffalo Creek in Hancock Co, GA, from John Mitchell's bro John 8 Dec 1800, James Thweatt owned adjoining land [Hancock Co Deed Book E, pg 300].

1808 Hancock Co Tax Digest (Capt Barnes' Division), p ?: James Thweatt owned 67

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HUSBAND James THWEATT-4850 Yr of Birth 1722
WIFE Sarah STURTEVANT-4851 Yr of Birth

Negroes, 287 1/2 acres of 2nd quality, 1,143 acres of 3rd quality, & 368 acres in pine. This was land adjoining Jesse Sanford's mentioned above.

It's curious he was only one of James Thweat's sons not mentioned in will of their grandfather John #6475. Perhaps it's b/c he was only 5 1/2 when that will was written.

CHILD 6 - Sarah THWEATT-768

Info on her & John Mitchell from JMF.

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD-208

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HUSBAND Thomas GORDON Major-747
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BORN:   Abt    1735          PLACE: ,Prince William,VA
CHR.:                        PLACE:
DIED:    2 Jun 1808          PLACE: Newberry Ordin.,Newberry,SC
BUR.:                        PLACE:
MARR:   Bef    1756          PLACE:
FATHER: John GORDON-4743                                                   PARENTS' MRIN: 1326
MOTHER: Ruth R.-4753
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WIFE    Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748
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BORN:                        PLACE:
CHR.:                        PLACE:
DIED:   Aft 22 Dec 1820      PLACE:
BUR.:                        PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Ruth GORDON-4518
---- BORN: Bef    1765          PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: Bef    1837          PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Samuel OTTERSON-4762                                          MRIN: 1328
     MARR: Bef    1780          PLACE: Grassy Creek Ch.,Berkeley,SC
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 2.  NAME: Benjamin GORDON-4519
---- BORN: Abt    1765          PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    1815          PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Mary-4763                                                     MRIN: 1329
     MARR: Abt    1787          PLACE: ,,SC
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 3.  NAME: Jesse GORDON Sr.-4516
---- BORN: 26 Sep 1767          PLACE: ,Craven,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: 21 Aug 1853          PLACE: ,Greene,AL
     BUR.:                      PLACE: Mt. Hebron Cem.,Greene,AL
     SPOUSE: HARDY-4772                                                    MRIN: 1330
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: Eli GORDON Sr.-4517
---- BORN: 25 May 1772          PLACE: Near Maybinton,Newberry,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: 27 Apr 1847          PLACE: ,Union,SC
     BUR.:                      PLACE: Gordon Fam. Cem.,Union,SC
     SPOUSE: Rebecca CALDWELL-4775                                         MRIN: 1331
     MARR:  7 Feb 1793          PLACE: ,,SC
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HUSBAND Thomas GORDON Major-747                                                          Yr of Birth 1735
WIFE    Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748                                                          Yr of Birth
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: Thomas GORDON Jr.-744
---- BORN:       1773/1774    PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:       1814/1817    PLACE: ,Jones,GA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Sarah WHEELER?-745                                                         MRIN: 206
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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HUSBAND Thomas GORDON Major-747 Yr of Birth 1735
WIFE Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - Thomas GORDON Major-747

All info from GDS unless otherwise noted. B place in part of Prince William Co which became Fairfax Co in 1742 & finally Loudoun Co in 1757. B yr est from fact father got 50 acres in SC for each of 6 children in 1749, & eldest could not be >14.

Lived w/ parents in Fairfax Co b/4 family moved to SC in 1749; i.e., when he was abt 14. Cf father's note (4743) for route followed.

Earliest record of Thomas: 4 parcels of land on Enoree or Tiger Rivers or on Long Lick, all in Anson Co, NC, totaling 1250 acres "issued" to him b/n Feb & May 1754. (Same time father John was acquiring land in same area.) Apparently these were grants, not purchases. Thus was major land owner at est age 19. Turned it into "tenement plantations;" i.e,, share-cropped w/ renters. This part of Anson Co, NC, became Ninety-Six District, SC (so named after principle town of Dist, which was 96 mi from Fort Prince George on Keowee River) & in 1795 became Newberry & Union Cos. [Above deeds cited in GDS]

B/4 father's death in 1756 he m Elizabeth (Caldwell or Anderson?). "Gabriel Anderson & Thomas Gordon to administer on the estate of Joshua Anderson, late of Enoree River, as nearest of kin, 8 Mar 1769." [Abstracts from Records of Court of Ordinary, 1764-71, SC Hist & Geneal Mag, vol 31, #1, Jan 1930, p 156] [JMF thinks this supports belief that Thomas m Elizabeth ANDERSON, not Elizabeth Caldwell, dau of John Caldwell, as family tradition had it. Will of Abraham Anderson, 2nd husband of Thomas' mother Ruth, (cf her note #4753) named son Joshua & later doc named son Gabriel, so "Elizabeth" could have been their sis. However, Thomas might also have qualified as "nearest of kin" as son of Joshua's father's widow (cf below)].]

When his father died intestate, by law of primogeniture Thomas inherited all of his 2505 acres. He sold off most of this to his mother & bros (cf their notes; deed citations in GDS).

In spite of large land holdings, never identified self as "planter;" in one deed was "wheelwright." Known to have raised horses & livestock for British Army, for r'c'd payment in 1762 for supplying Gordon's Fort (later Fort Wm Henry) on Enoree.

All 5 of his children b in Berkeley Co (not current Berkeley Co; this was 1 of 3 orig SC counties, dissolved when Colony divided into 7 Judicial Districts in 1769) or Newberry Co (various sources give its formation 1781, 83, 85, 95).

1759: Appears to have moved to 1 of his plantations on S side of Enoree River, which now forms part of border b/n Newberry & Union Cos. Prob served in engagements against Cherokees in Indian War (1759-61), for was referred to as "Captain" at least as early as 1766. Gov Glenn had made peace w/ Cherokees in 1755, but they thought his successor, Gov Littleton, was treating them unjustly. Indians raided border settlements, so forts were built in which settlers lived, going back & forth to homes & farms when thought safe to go. 2 forts were on Enoree, the one nearest Gordon family called Gordon's Fort. These were part of line of forts extending all way from VA to GA to hold off

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Chrokees. W/ help from British Army, Cherokees forced to sue for peace in 1761. [Landrum's Colonial & Revolutionary History of Upper SC, cited in GDS]

1765: Appointed a commissioner to build road from Gordon's Fort on Enoree to Kirkland's ferry on Saluda. This "River Road" paralleling Broad River was earliest road in Fork. In 1770 a commissioner to build road from Enoree to Fish Dam ford on Broad R. This was extended as "96 Road," forming boarder b/n Newberry & Laurens Cos, to 96, & thence to Augusta, GA. [Hist Newberry Co, pp 68-9]

Road from Enoree to Saluda is prob what is now SC highway #34. As it crosses Newberry Co, land is flat &, at that time, was prob forested except where settlers had cleared. Crossing valley of Saluda River, as broad as the Broad, there are fairly steep hills & dales. Terrain flattens again as road approaches 96. Road Maj. Thomas was involved in building from 96 to Augusta goes S on what are now SC 248 & US 25. Terrain is gently rolling, cut by frequent creeks, & was also undoubtedly thickly forested in 18th century. (Road builders did not cut their way thru trackless forest. We know Upper Trading Path W from Augusta was ancient Indian trail [cf Thos Gordon Jr #744 for details]. So too were the trails that converged on 96 & made it such a strategic site. Thus builders prob had only to improve those ancient tracks enough to make wagon passage possible.) Augusta, founded in 1735 & already a thriving commercial center in 1770s, is on W side of great Savannah River. From there, there was ready access to open sea downstream at Savannah.

1769: Tax assessor & collector; Sept-Oct 1776, justice of peace, 96 District [Hist Newberry Co, p 41, 68].

11 Jan 1775: 1st SC Provincial Congress met in Charleston to carry out plan proposed by Continental Congress to prevent importation of British goods. Among members of committee to carry out non-importation policy in Fork of Broad & Saluda was "John" Gordon, but GDS thinks this was Thomas. [Known that Thomas bro John d b/4 1773.]

Hist Newberry Co, pp 67-8 says he served as officer in Revolutionary War "from Snow Campaign of 1775 until cessation of hostilities." Former occured in Dec. Troops under Col Richardson, which included Col Brandon's unit, pursued Tories to Reedy River in Cherokee country & defeated a force attempting to raise the Indians against the rebels. (Col Brandon was prob Gordon neighbor. Several Brandons appear in Newberry & Union Co land deals w/ Gordons.)

Nat Archives has only 1 listing of a Thomas who served in Revolutionary War: "Gordon, Thomas: 5 SC Regt, enlisted 22 May 1776." This was prob a different Thomas Gordon b/c SC State Archives have many documents on man who surely was ours. [Xerox cc of these in Gordon file.] These show he served as private for 355 days in 2nd Co, Charleston Battery of Artillery in 1780-1. Was paid for "militia duty" in Brandon's Regt in 96 District from fall of Charleston (12 May 1780) to "Anderson's return" (refers to officer in 96 Dist who handled accts until end of war). [Cannot explain overlap b/n these dates & artillery service. Signatures on all documents identical, so can sure both done by same man.] May have been in siege of Star Fort, British stonghold near 96, under Gen Nathaniel Green May-June 1781. Other records (also in file) show sold

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steers to militia in June 1779; lost horse in service, June 1779; had horse impressed into service 1780. Wrote order in 96 Dist 28 July 1785 requesting "Mssrs Blake & Boequet" to deliver "my indent" (certificate for 49 pounds, 14 shillings due him for his militia service) to a Col. Lindsey. Lindsay endorsed indent 27 May 1786 that he had r'c'd "full satisifaction for this acct."

Rank other than pvt not mentioned in any doc but may have been major in Brandon's Regt. Many post-war docs refer to him as "major." Note all this military service done after he was 40 yrs old.

Americans fought 137 battles w/ British Army & its Loyalist allies in SC, most of these b/n fall of Charleston in May 1780 & Battle of Eutaw Springs in Sept 1781. At close of War, SC was laid waste & disorganized. Chaotic conditions prevailed until new federal govt established in 1789 [Encyclopedia Americana, vol 25, p 295].

"In 1781, the county (Newberry) was formed from part of old 96 District, & ...for the District of the lower section, between Broad & Saluda Rivers [i.e., present Newberry Co; these rivers form its E & S borders], members...were Major Thomas Gordon, State Senator..." ["Newberry Co, SC, Historical & Genealogical" G.L.Summer, Newberrry SC, 1950, p 28]. "Maj Thomas Gordon...was the 1st Sheriff of Newberry Co when the county was established in 1782 (sic). He was, too, a Justice of the Peace..." in 1784-86 [ibid, p 342]. Another source says he began 2 yr term as 1st sheriff on 5 Sept 1785 in home of Col Robt Rutherford, where 1st county court was held. [Annals of Newberry, Vol 1, J.B. O'Neall, 1892, p 159, copy in Gordon/Sanford file] Was the Col father or other relative of John Rutherford #769, who m. Maj. Thomas son Thomas II's widow, Sarah in 1812?

1790 Census, 96 Dist, Newberry Co, SC: Thomas Gordin (sic): 4 M >16 (Thomas, head of household, & 3 younger sons, Jesse, Eli & Thomas Jr); 1 F >16 (wife Elizabeth). Known that 2 oldest children m b/4 1790. [I am sure the Thomas Gordon listed in Orangeburgh Dist, Southern Part, was NOT Major Thomas. This was far downstate from Newberry Co, & we know Major Thomas lived in or near Newberry Co until he died.]

1785-96: Thomas & wife Elizabeth buy & sell land in Newberry & Union Cos (deeds cited in GDS & listed in Sorrel/Gordon/Sanford Notes, Part 4, pp 8-9.) Holographic copies & transcriptions of 3 of these deeds in Gordon file: 1) 28 Dec 1785: purchased 310 acres on S side of Broad River abutting John Gordon; 2) 30 May 1786: purchased 100 acres on S Side of Enoree abutting Joshua Anderson [possibly his wife's bro? Cf note re him on pg 3 of this FGR]; 3) 7 Sept 1789: bought at sheriff's auction 250 acres b/n Broad & Saluda Rivers "on Beaverdam, a branch of the Bush River."

Cf also copy of Newberry Co grantors' index 1785-1840 in file which shows many more land sales.

"In the Enoree section the people on Indian Creek organized a [Presbyterian] congregation by that name in 1768...Closely associated with Indian Creek was the congregation of Grassy Spring, which began as a branch of the former. The settlers between the Enoree & the Tyger petitioned the SC Presbytery on 24 Sept

1794 to be taken under its care & supplied a minister...Maj Samuel Otterson & Maj Thomas Gordon were elders." [Hist Newberry Co, p 81]

Altho remaining resident of Newberry Co, in 1792 he started buying & selling land in GA. 20 yrs before he had been involved in building road from 96 to old city of Augusta on Savannah River. By 1790, Creek Indians had ceded the territory b/n the Savannah & Oconee Rivers, & settlers were flooding in. (Beyond Oconee was still Indian territory.)

Indenture 3 Nov 1792 b/n Thomas Gordon of Newberry Co, SC, & Geo Grizzle, once soldier of GA, now of SC. Grizzle sold 287 1/2 acres "situated in Georgia & now County of Green on waters of Great Shoulderbone Creek...surveyed 6 June 1784 & granted by Gov. of GA 30 Sept 1784" for 75 pounds. [Hancock Co. Deed Book C, p 33] (Hancock Co formed out of Greene Co in 1793.)

Shoulderbone Creek can be seen today by driving 8 mi NW of Sparta on GA 16 to Dickens Pond Rd. Turning L here, road winds down several miles to an embankment which dams the Creek, creating a pond on L. Creek flows out of culvert on R. A stagnant tributary runs in from S, which we believe is Fort Creek. Grizzle's land was located near junction of Fort & Shoulderbone Creeks. Whole area is so overgrown w/ scrub forest that it's impossible to see what these 287 1/2 acres looked like after they had been cleared & farmed.

Indenture 27 Nov 1795 b/n Maj Thomas Gordon of Newberry Co, SC, & Benjamin Gordon of Hancock Co, GA. Benjamin paid Thomas $300 for 143 3/4 acres, being 1/2 bounty land surveyed for Geo Grizzle 6 June 1784, now in Hancock Co. [Hancock Co Deed Book AB, p 206] This might have been Maj. Thomas' bro Benjamin but prob was his son Benjamin, already living in GA in 1790 so not in 1790 SC Census. GDS also records Benjamin Gordon & wife Mary selling same land in 1796, & know son Benjamin m to a Mary.

Indenture same date b/n Thomas & David Dickson of Hancock Co: Thomas sells other 1/2 of Grizzle land for 55 pounds. [Deed Book 3, p 39]

1800 Census, Newberry Dist, SC, pg 76: Thomas Gorden (sic): 1 M >45 (Thomas); 1 F >45 (his wife); 0 slaves; 1 M 26-45. Latter prob NOT a son b/c Benjamin & Eli were on same census page & Jesse was living near his Uncle Govin in adjoining Union Dist. This MIGHT have been Thomas Jr, then 26 or 27, but we know he was married & had 2 children by that time. Furthermore, it's almost certain he moved to GA by 1800. (Cf. Thomas II's note #744 for proof of latter, & other sons' notes for 1800 SC Census listings.) Therefore, do not know who the M 26-45 could have been.

D intestate at home 2 June 1808. D yr per GDS A receipt shows Eli Gordon paid Dr Richard Huson 20 May 1810 for visiting ailing Maj Gordon Mar 24, 27, 28 & April 1, 3, 1808 for "riding 5 mi each visit @ $1.25 each visit..."

"I do hereby certify that I give up all right to administration in the estate of my deceased husband to Sam'l & Eli Gordon. Sertifyed by me this 27th day of Oct 1808." (signed) Elizabeth Gordon [her mark]; Test. Jesse Gordon. On same piece of paper: "I do certify that I give up my right of administration in the estate of my deceased father to Sam'l Otterson & Eli Gordon." (signed) Benjm.

Gordon & Jesse Gordon.

24 Oct 1808: Administrative bond $2000 issued to Samuel Otterson, Eli, Benjamin & Jesse Gordon; Otterson & Eli named administrators. Inventory included farm animals & tools, furniture, kitchenware, 1 male & 1 female slave, etc. Total value not given, & land holdings (which must have been considerable!) not mentioned. Everything sold (auctioned?) 12 Nov 1808. [Copies of all 3 documents above in Gordon file; obtained from Maj. Thomas' estate papers in Newberry Co Probate Estate abstracts, Box 8, Pkg 11, Newberry Co Courthouse]

WIFE - Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748

Info from JMF. Cf Thomas Gordon note (747) for reason why her name prob Anderson.

17 Dec 1809, in Union Dist, SC, made Deed of Gift as relict of Maj Thomas Gordon, deceased, "in considereation of love & affection that I bear to my well beloved daughter Ruth Otterson, wife of Maj Samuel Otterson," gave all her personal property rights & "credits vested in me by the decease of my husband - the division of all the personal estate of my husband given to me by my two sons, Jesse & Eli Gordon." [Text & citation, GDS]

Known to be living w/ daugh Ruth Otterson in Union Dist, SC, 21 July 1811 (cf son Thomas' letter in note #744 giving complements "peticular to our dear old mother...").

Sales of land by an Elizabeth Gordon in 1810, 1819 & last one 22 Dec 1820 [cf copy of pg from Newberry Co Grantors' Index 1785-1840 in file] suggest she was still alive in 1821.

CHILD 1 - Ruth GORDON-4518

B yr est from birth of 4th child in 1786 [per GDS]; i.e., 1st child prob b abt 1780. (Also know from incident below she was m at time British invaded SC in 1780-1.) Place in birth order not certain but prob was oldest. D date est from GDS. Did husb's will show she d b/4 him? She prob d in Greene Co, AL, where he did, but cannot prove this.

"Maj Samuel Otterson's wife knew where a keg of powder was hid, & learning that the Tories were coming to get it, she went in the night & blew it up. In the morning the Tories came & demanded it; she told them what she had done. They did not believe her, so they cut her dress off at the waist & drove her before them to show the powder. When they came to the place the evidence was sufficient as to the fate of the powder." ["History of Grindal Shoals," Rev. J.D.Bailey, 1921, quoted in GDS]

She bore 5 sons & 7 daughters; names in husb's note.

CHILD 2 - Benjamin GORDON-4519

Placed 2nd in birth order on guess that oldest son might have moved to GA b/4 1790 (& therefore not in 1790 Census of Maj Thomas Gordon's household); know he bought land in GA from father in 1795.

Married Mary _____ abt 1787 [GDS] 1st 4 children b in Union Dist, SC; 5th

child in Hancock Co, GA, in 1797; 7th & 8th children back in Union Dist (1802 & 1805).

27 Nov 1795: Maj Thomas Gordon sold to Benjamin Gordon of Hancock, Co, GA, land in Hancock Co. 28 May 1796: Benjamin Gordon & wife Mary of Hancock Co, GA, sold land on Beaverdam Creek in Union Co, SC, being part of tract granted to Benjamin Gordon by Gov Charles Pinkney (of SC), 5 Sept 1791.

1800 Census, Newberry Dist, SC, pg 76 (same pg as Major Thomas & Eli Gordon): Benjamin Gorden (sic): 2 M <10, 2 M 10-16, 1 M 26-45, 2 F <10, 1 F 10-16, 1 F 26-45, 1 slave. This accounts for Benjamin, his wife, 4 known sons, 2 known daughs, & 1 more child.

22 Oct 1808: "...I give up my right of administration in the estate of my deceased father..." (signed) Benj. Gordon & Jesse Gordon. (Cf Thomas Sr's note for complete text.)

19 Nov 1811: acknowledged r'c't $60 as full legatees part of father's estate.

19 Jan 1809: Benjamin Gordon of Newberry Co, SC, sold land on Enoree River in Union Dist. (signed) Benjamin Gordon. No dower.

1 Nov 1815: Benjamin Gordon of Newberry Dist, SC, sold land in Newberry Dist he had purchased from Thomas Gary. (signed) Benjamin Gordon, Lucy Gordon

From above evidence can assume Benjamin & wife Mary moved to Hancock Co, GA, b/4 1795, then returned to Newberry Co, SC, b/4 1802. Mary d there b/4 1809, & Benjamin remarried Lucy _____ b/4 1815. That he had children by Lucy too indicated by will of son Jesse G. Gordon (25 Apr 1847) that names his "full" bros & sisters. GDS say 1815 deed may have been sale of land "before going to Tennessee," but no further info given on later life or on death.

CHILD 3 - Jesse GORDON Sr.-4516

B, d dates, burial place all from GDS. Cf John Gordon note (#4743) for explanation of confusion among SC counties; i.e., how same land could be in Craven or Berkeley Cos.

1800 Census, Union Dist, SC, pg 232 (same pg as his uncle Govin Gordon): Jesse Gordan (sic): 1 M 26-46, 0 slaves. This accounts for Jesse alone. Apparently he did not m until aft 1800.

He m a Miss Hardy in SC.

18 Nov 1811: acknowledged r'c't $60 as full legatees part of father's estate [Newberry Co, SC, Estates; Box 8, Pkg 11, Newberry Co Library]

When he moved to Greene Co, AL, not known. He was there, age 83, in 1850 Census.

All info from GDS.

CHILD 4 - Eli GORDON Sr.-4517

HUSBAND Thomas GORDON Major-747 Yr of Birth 1735
WIFE Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748 Yr of Birth

B & d dates from tombstone. Gordon Family Cemetery is 6 mi SE of Whitmire, Union Co, on N bank of Enoree River on or near John Gordon's original royal grant. [Newberry Co, SC, Cemeteries, Vol 1, p 64]

1800 Census, Newberry Dist, SC, pg 76 (same pg as his father & bro Benjamin): Ely (sic) Gorden (sic): 1 M <10, 1 M 26-45, 1 F 16-26, 0 slaves. This accounts for him (age 28), his wife (age 25) & 1 of 2 sons thought to have been b by 1800.

He was a planter. Unlike his siblings, lived all his life near b place.

CHILD 5 - Thomas GORDON Jr.-744

B yr est from 1790 Census of father's household (cf note 747); Thomas Jr must have been 1 of 3 M >16. If older bro Eli's b date (25 May 1772) correct, Thomas Jr must have been b in 1773 or 1774 in order to be 16 in 1790.

D yr: Last known land purchase 14 Aug 1814. Widow divided estate 12 Dec 1817. (cf below for both docs) Therefore must have d between these dates.

He was "youngest child b to Maj Thomas Gordon & his wife Elizabeth Gordon. He was b abt 1774 in Newberry Co, SC. First appears as a witness to deed dtd 7 April 1792 in Newberry Co. It was sale of land on S side of Enoree River, bounded on E side by said river & land laid out to John Gordon [his grandfather] Document witnessed by Samuel Otterson [husb of Thomas Jr's sis Ruth] & Thomas Gordon, Jr. 28 May 1796 Thomas Gordon Sr, Thomas Gordon Jr & Jesse Gordon witnessed deed made by Benjamin Gordon of Hancock Co GA. Land on Beaverdam Creek, branch of Tyger River in SC. Deed recorded in SC. Thomas Gordon Jr shared in estate of his father...1808-1811...Married, had family & moved away from Newberry Co." ["Gordons of Deep South," E.N.Marshall, Austin TX, 1961] Therefore assume he m in Newberry Co & wife bore 2 sons there. [No evidence that he, or anyone else, inherited his father's lands.]

He & his young wife must have loaded all their worldly possessions &, presumably, their 2 little sons on wagon(s) & taken the roads his father had played a part in constructing many yrs b/4: from the Enoree in Newberry Co to 96, then S from 96 to Augusta [cf Maj. Thomas Gordon #747 for descriptions]. From Augusta they went W on the Upper Trading Path (now US 278), ancient Indian track which led from the Savannah River to the Mississippi. This crossed rolling county which, at that time, was heavily forested. Crossing the Ogeechee River, they entered Hancock Co, which had been formed out of Greene Co in 1793. When they reached Sparta, the county seat, they had come abt 75 mi from Augusta & 150 mi from their old home. This was not unknown territory though. His father had bought land here in 1792 & sold part of it to Thomas II's older bro Benjamin in Nov 1795. Thus 2 of Maj. Thomas' sons settled in Hancock Co abt same time, altho Benjamin returned to Newberry Co not long after.

Fact that Thomas Jr witnessed above deed in May 1796 suggests he resided in Newberry Co until at least that date. However, 1795 Hancock Co Tax Digest, (Capt Raines' District) p 25, lists a Thomas Gordon owning 9 Negroes & 133 3/4 acres of 3rd quality land on L[ittle] Ogeechee River. ibid, 1806 (Capt Barnes' Division) p 225, lists Thomas Gordon owning 17 Negroes & 177 acres in same

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WIFE Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748 Yr of Birth

location. This abt 15 mi distant from land on Shoulderbone Creek Maj. Thomas Gordon sold to Benjamin Gordon in 1795. Since almost certain Maj. Thomas never left his residence in Newberry Co (he d. there in 1808), person in these Digests must have been Thomas Gordon II. He must have bought this land, independent of his father, when he was abt 21. Since Thomas II bought land in Jones Co (abt 40 mi further W) in Dec 1807, & he is not listed in 1808 Hancock Co Tax Digest, he prob left here late in 1807 or early 1808. (Note in Jones Co deeds below he was still "of Hancock Co" as late as 5 Apr 1808.)

1800 Census of SC supports this b/c Thomas Jr was only one of Major Thomas' sons not listed in Newberry or Union Cos. (Cf father's note for evidence Thomas Jr was NOT the M 16-26 in his household in 1800 Census.) As noted below, 1800 Census of GA was destroyed, so cannot use this to prove Thomas Jr had moved there.

15 Jan 1805: Bought Negro woman named Beck for $325. [Hancock Co Deed Book G, p 152]

All land W of Oconee River had been Creek Indian's until they ceded it in treaty signed at Ft. Wilkinson, on W bank of Oconee, 16 June 1802. Baldwin Co, next county W of Hancock, was formed from former Indian lands in 1803, & site near the Fort (which was head of navigation on Oconee) was laid out as county seat & future state capital: Milledgeville. (Capital was moved here from Louisville, abt 40 mi E, in 1807.) All this new land offered new opportunities, & Thomas moved further W.

Cf Sorrel/Gordon/Sanford Notes, Part 4, pp 19 & 29-31 for history of how lands were opened & apportioned in GA & for history of Milledgeville's founding. The lots were usually the odd size of 202 1/2 acres. Why? That's an area 180 rods (= 45 chains) square; i.e., a lot surveyor can lay out easily.

Western part of Baldwin Co became Jones Co in 1807. 31 Dec 1807, Jones Co Deed Bk A, p 213: Indenture between John Cook, Geo Martin & Gideon Mayo of Wilkinson Co [1st county S of Baldwin & Jones, also formed in 1803 from Creek lands] & Thomas Gordon of Hancock Co. Thomas pays $500 for 202 1/2 acres in 9th Dist. (Lot #137). Next day (1 Jan 1808) ibid, p 215, indenture between Wm Grimmett of Clarke Co [N of Greene Co & formed from it in 1801] & Thomas Gordon of Hancock Co; 202 1/2 acres in 9th Dist (Lot #131) for which Thomas paid $700. 3 mo later he enlarged his holdings again: 5 Apr 1808, ibid p 217, b/n Enock Luncford of Baldwin Co & Thomas Gordon of Hancock Co: 202 1/2 acres in 9th Dist of "Baldwin, now Jones Co" (lot #130) for $1000. 14 Jan 1811, Deed Bk E, p 138 Thomas Gordon SOLD John Bucknor Sr Lot 136 on Commissioner Creek (there is no recond of his purchase of this lot). Last known transaction occurred 21 Feb 1812: ibid, p 72, Indenture b/n Jackson of Baldwin Co & Thomas Gordon of Jones. Gordon paid $700 for 101 1/4 acres, "being 1/2 of ...Lot #135." This should have brought his total holdings in 1811 to 607 3/4 acres & by 1812 to 708 3/4 acres.

These totals don't jibe w/tax data. 1811 Jones Co Tax Digest: Thomas Gordon "Sr" [distinguishes him from son Thomas III, who was apparently "Jr" now they had moved away from SC] owned 405 acres on Commissioner Creek & 23 slaves. 1813 Digest says he owned 303 1/4 acres on this Creek & 22 slaves while "Thomas J.

Gordon" [presume J stood for Jr; i.e., the son] owned 202 1/2 acres on Commissioner Creek & 101 1/4 acres on Sugar Creek. Thomas "Sr" must have conveyed this land to his son aft 1811. 1814 Tax Digest: Thomas "Sr" owned 202 1/2 acres on Commissioner Creek; Patience W Gordon, adminstratrix for Thomas Gordon ["Jr"] owned same 303 3/4 acres as in 1813. These total 506 1/4 acres, which is exact amt. of land John W Gordon's mother gave him in 1818. That is exactly 202 1/2 acres LESS than Thomas II's total holdings in 1812 (as calculated above), so he must have sold 1 lot b/n 1811 & 1813.

Letter to bro-in-law Samuel Otterson, SC, Union District, 21 July 1811,, gives insight into Thomas' education & family relationship: "Well respected Brother and Sister these will Serve to inform you that wear all Still in the Land of the Living and enjoying a reasonable portion of health thanks be to the giver of all Blesings for his mercer to us hoping that these my find you and yours in the Same I have nothing worth your attention at present we have had a very Dry Summer as far as this in Som plases thea have been So Dry that thea cannot make Suporte it is not So bad in this neighbourhood I think that we Shall mak tolrable good crops Except somthing unexpected Should turn it as we have a tolrable Season at present you rote me that you could not Settle with the oddter [auditor] Except you had a recept from me you did not right in what manner it Should be rote I have Sent one and if it Should not answare you must right in what manner will doe and I will Send any kind that you wish So conclud with esteam yours to serve (signed) Thomas Gordon NB my Self and famley joins in complements to you and your and in peticular to our Deare old mother and your Daughters and thare famleys." [Spelling & punctuation are his.]

Same day (21 July 1811) acknowledged he had "received full satisfaction as a legatee to the estate of Thomas Gordon at Newberry District, Deceased." [Both documents above in estate papers of Maj Thomas Gordon, cited in his note #747. Copy in Gordon/Sanford file, Early Gordons & Sanfords section.]

Last known land transaction 14 Aug 1814: Indenture b/n Thomas Gordon of Jones Co & Abijah Anderson of Hancock. Gordon buys 46 acres "being part of Abraham Scott's" in Hancock Co for $250. [MWF found this is in Hancock Co Records; apparently missed by JGF in 1997. Order of names; i.e., grantor to grantee, & fact that land Thomas II owned in 1795 & 1806 Tax Digests had been originally granted to Scott are strong evidence this was a SALE. More likely that Thomas II, now resident in Jones Co, would divest himself of his old property.] Can be sure this was Thomas Jr (II), not his son Thomas III, since latter known to have been "deceased" b/4 6 June 1814 [cf Thomas III note #746].

Thomas was no more than 40 when he d. No will in Jones Co probate records 1808 to 1856. Only Gordon will found was Govin's (#4758). There is 4-yr gap in letters of administration b/n 1814 & 1818. (These were searched from 1808 to 1825.) MWF found Thomas III's there, filed 6 June 1814. Thomas II presumably d. during period for which records are lost, so no way to check whether he died intestate, but evidence points toward this. Note he was still alive when 1814 Tax Digest compiled & son had died. Therefore he must have d. aft Aug 1814 & b/4 wife remarried in Dec 1817. Cf note on wife Sarah #745 for disposition of his estate.

Burial: When son John W. Gordon sold his GA land in 1848, he reserved 1 acre

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WIFE Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748 Yr of Birth

each in Lots 131 & 154 in 9th Dist, Baldwin Co, as "graveyards." Thomas Jr, Thomas III, & other family members presumably were buried there. In 1969 MWF wrote JMF (letter in his files): "I went to the Jones Co Tax Assessor's office & found the names of those persons now owning Lot 131 & Lot 154...Mrs Schelly, a lady of 84, told me she had been over all the land &, as a child, played on that land near the Gordon home. She was sure there was no graveyard on any part of the property now in her possession. Mrs Purseley, 75, & a Mrs Woodcox, ...both life-long residents of Haddock & thoroughly familiar with its environs, too knew of no private places of burial on that land. At Mrs Perseley's suggestion, I called an old negro who is an avid hunter. He, too, had never come across an abondoned burial place in that area." [For more details cf John W Gordon #709]

NB: US Censuses of GA 1790, 1800, 1810 were destroyed when British burned Washington in 1814, thus 1820 Census earliest available for GA.

OTHER CHILDREN OF JOHN GORDON

RUTH (m. JACOB BROWN)
WILLIAM
GOVIN
GEORGE

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HUSBAND Jacob BROWN Col.-4785
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BORN:   11 Dec 1736         PLACE:
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:   28 Jun 1785         PLACE: ,Washington,TN
BUR.:                       PLACE: ,Washington,TN
MARR:   Abt   1760          PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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WIFE    Ruth GORDON-4756
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BORN:   14 Aug 1740         PLACE: ,Prince William,VA
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:    9 Oct 1810         PLACE: ,Washington,TN
BUR.:                       PLACE: ,Washington,TN
FATHER: John GORDON-4743                                                          PARENTS' MRIN: 1326
MOTHER: Ruth R.-4753
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Jacob BROWN II-4786
---- BORN:  3 Aug 1761          PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: 21 Aug 1838          PLACE: ,Washington,TN
     BUR.:                      PLACE: ,Washington,TN
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Benjamin BROWN-4787
---- BORN: Abt    1763          PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Thomas BROWN-4788
---- BORN: Abt    1765          PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: Bef    Jul 1829      PLACE: ,Washington,TN
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: John Gordon BROWN-4789
---- BORN:        1767/1770     PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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                                        |        Wife______________________     Date prepared: 18 Mar 1997
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HUSBAND Jacob BROWN Col.-4785 Yr of Birth 1736
WIFE Ruth GORDON-4756 Yr of Birth 1740

HUSBAND - Jacob BROWN Col.-4785

B & d dates from GDS.

M & lived in Berkeley Co, SC, until all 4 children born. Abt 1771-2 he moved his family across Appalachians to establish 1 of first 4 settlements in TN: "Jacob Brown's settlement on the Nolichucky River, near present-day Erwin" This was in defiance of British Proclamation of 1763, forbidding settlement W of Appalachians. Since these settlements were outside bounds of any organized govt, they formed govt of their own, the Watauga Assn, in May 1772. Area was annexed by NC in 1776 & called Washington Dist. [Encyclopedia Americana, vol 26, p 429].

Wataugans fought off Indians in 1776, sent troops to defense of Charleston, & fought in decisive Battle of King's Mountain 7 Oct 1780. [ibid] Jacob fought thru all these as Capt, then Maj, under Col John Sevier.

Area was in political limbo after Revolution. Was "State of Franklin" 1784-88; finally became part of Southwest Territory 1790, & state of TN 1796.

Jacob killed in hunting accident in "part of Washington Co that is now Unicoi Co." Died intestate.

Cf wife Ruth's note #4756 for burial place.

Above info from GDS except where indicated.

WIFE - Ruth GORDON-4756

She was 9 when her parents moved to SC. Abt 20 when she married & lived in Berkeley Co, SC, long enough to bear all 4 children there (last b 1767-70).

She abt 31-2 when entire family moved to estab 1 of first settlements in TN. When she was abt 45, husb d intestate & she took over mgmt of his extensive interests.

She outlived husb by 25 yrs. Buried w/ him in family plot "at mouth of Cherokee Creek in Washington Co." [Since orig settlement was near present town of Erwin, county seat of Unicoi Co, formed from Washington Co in 1875, plot may now be in Unicoi Co.]

CHILD 1 - Jacob BROWN II-4786

He was a pvt in Revolutionary War & War of 1812; capt of Washington Co militia.

M Elizabeth Byrd (Bird) (1769-1846) 9 Feb 1786. Children: 1. Ruth (1787-?), m Nodding Hill. 2. William (1789-?). 3. Thomas Jefferson (1791-?). 4. Sarah (1794-1797). 5. Mary (Polly) (1796-1867), m John Hunter. 6. Rebecca Grown (1799-1851), m Samuel Templin. 7. Bird (male) (1801-1886). 8. Jacob Keen (1804-?). 9. Malinda (1807-?), m David Birdwell.

Cf mother Ruth's note #4756 for burial place of him & his wife.

All info: GDS

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HUSBAND Jacob BROWN Col.-4785 Yr of Birth 1736
WIFE Ruth GORDON-4756 Yr of Birth 1740

CHILD 2 - Benjamin BROWN-4787

On 6 May 1789 he m Sarah Hawkins Sevier, dau of John Sevier, at that time Gov of State of Franklin. No issue.

Info: GDS

CHILD 3 - Thomas BROWN-4788

His will, dated 22 Apr 1829, probated July 1829, named wife Ann, sons Jacob, Gabriel & William, dau Temandra, wife of Samuel G. Bayless. He owned abt 600 acres in Washington Co, TN, 1345 acres near Muscle Shoals, AL, & abt 2500 acres few mi. N of Memphis, TN.

Info: GDS

CHILD 4 - John Gordon BROWN-4789

He was capt of Washington Co, TN, militia in 1805; capt in War of 1812.

He m Mary Ann Keicher 28 Feb 1806 in Greene Co, TN.

No record of children or death.

Info: GDS

William Gordon

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1333

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HUSBAND William GORDON-4757
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BORN:   Abt   1742        PLACE: ,Fairfax,VA
CHR.:                     PLACE:
DIED:         1782        PLACE: ,Ninety-Six Dist.,SC
BUR.:                     PLACE:
MARR:   Abt   1770        PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
FATHER: John GORDON-4743                                   PARENTS' MRIN: 1326
MOTHER: Ruth R.-4753
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WIFE    Elizabeth-4790
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BORN:                     PLACE:
CHR.:                     PLACE:
DIED:   Aft   1801        PLACE:
BUR.:                     PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1. NAME: William GORDON Jr.-4791
---- BORN:                PLACE: ,Union,SC
 M   CHR.:                PLACE:
     DIED:                PLACE:
     BUR.:                PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                PLACE:
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 2. NAME: John GORDON-4792
---- BORN:                PLACE: ,Union,SC
 M   CHR.:                PLACE:
     DIED: Aft 1810 vt    PLACE:
     BUR.:                PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                PLACE:
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 3. NAME: Posey GORDON-4793
---- BORN: 25 Sep 1775    PLACE: ,Union,SC
 M   CHR.:                PLACE:
     DIED: 10 Nov 1830    PLACE: ,Greene,AL
     BUR.:                PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                PLACE:
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 4. NAME: Cassandra (Cassey) GORDON-4794
---- BORN: Abt   1777     PLACE: ,Union,SC
 F   CHR.:                PLACE:
     DIED:                PLACE:
     BUR.:                PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                PLACE:
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HUSBAND William GORDON-4757 Yr of Birth 1742
WIFE Elizabeth-4790 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - William GORDON-4757

In Apr 1756 Thomas Gordon & wife Elizabeth sold for 50 pounds 460 acres on S side Tyger River inherited from their father John Gordon.

In Jan 1765 Abraham Anderson, 2nd husb of Ruth Gordon, bequeathed William "1 negro boy Babb."

Abt 1770 he m Elizabeth _____.

In 1773 Thomas Gordon sold to William Gordon, planter, for 300 pounds 300 acre plantation on N side Enoree "joining the plantation where Mrs Ruth Anderson now lives." This was land originally sold to John Gordon, Jr. & inherited by Thomas on John's death. GDS says William prob had been living on land purchased in 1756 & was now (1773) moving to be near his mother.

Served as Capt in Col Brandon's Regt b/4 & after fall of Charleston in 1780. Made his will 19 April 1781. Was at home, prob sick or wounded. Will probated 7 Nov 1782 establishes d yr. Left 150 acres apiece to sons William, John & Posey; "plantation where I now live" + 50 acres to dau Cassey; "all my negroes & residue of my estate" to loving wife Elizabeth. Executors wife, Thomas Gordon, Gabriel Anderson.

All info: GDS

WIFE - Elizabeth-4790

GDS thinks she may have m Philip Awbry bef 1791 b/c he was made administrator of William's estate in place of Gabriel Anderson. Dec 1801 deed mentions Philip Awbry's wife Elizabeth.

CHILD 1 - William GORDON Jr.-4791

Nothing known of him except land willed by his father in 1782

CHILD 2 - John GORDON-4792

Inherited land from father in 1782; sold it 30 July 1790. Witnessed deed of sale of land from bro Posey Gordon to Burwell Chick, both of Union Co, SC, 17 Jan 1810.

Nothing else known about him. Info: GDS

CHILD 3 - Posey GORDON-4793

Inherited land from father 1782. This was prob land sold to Burwell Chick 26 Aug 1809.

He m Elizabeth Sims (1794-1837) in SC, prob abt 1812. Moved to GA, where older children were born. No record of where they settled in GA. Moved to Greene Co, AL, where 6th child b.

Children: 1. William Posey (1813-1893). 2. Drucilla E. (1814-1848), m Josiah Collins. 3. John Andrew Jackson (1816-1894). 4. Jesse Albert (1819-bef 1830). 5. Samuel W. (1822-1842). 6. Emeline (1823-?), m Uriah Anderson. 7. Amanda C (1825-?), m Nathan Goree. 8. Harriett C. ((1829-1859), m Ezekiel B.G. Steele.

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HUSBAND William GORDON-4757 Yr of Birth 1742
WIFE Elizabeth-4790 Yr of Birth

9. Posey H. (1831-aft 1850).

His will, probated 30 April 1831 in Greene Co, AL, left everything to wife Elizabeth, to be divided among his children [who were then all minors] after her d. Elizabeth's father, James Sims, named guardian. When he d, Greene Co court records 12 Nov 1832 named Elizabeth guardian, all children still minors.

All info: GDS

CHILD 4 - Cassandra (Cassey) GORDON-4794

Nothing known of her except plantation she inherited from father

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[illegible]

HUSBAND: [illegible]

BORN: ABT [illegible] PLACE: [illegible]
CHR: PLACE:
MARR: ABT [illegible] PLACE: [illegible]
DIED: PLACE:
BURI: ABT [illegible] PLACE: ,[illegible]
FATHER: [illegible]
MOTHER: [illegible]

Govin Gordon

[illegible]

WIFE: [illegible]

BORN: PLACE:
CHR: PLACE:
DIED: ABT [illegible] PLACE: [illegible]
BUR: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: [illegible]
BORN: [illegible] PLACE: [illegible]
M CHR: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE: [illegible]
BUR: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME: [illegible]
BORN: PLACE: [illegible]
M CHR: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
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3. NAME: [illegible]
BORN: PLACE: [illegible]
F CHR: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME: [illegible]
BORN: PLACE: [illegible]
F CHR: PLACE:
DIED: ABT [illegible] PLACE:
BUR: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

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Husband____________________

Wife____________________ Date prepared: [illegible]

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HUSBAND Govin GORDON-4758
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BORN:   Abt    1747          PLACE: ,Fairfax,VA
CHR.:                        PLACE:
DIED:   Abt    1815          PLACE: ,Jones,GA
BUR.:                        PLACE:
MARR:   Abt    1778          PLACE: ,,SC
FATHER: John GORDON-4743                                                      PARENTS' MRIN: 1326
MOTHER: Ruth R.-4753
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WIFE    Sarah CLARK-4795
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BORN:                        PLACE:
CHR.:                        PLACE:
DIED:   Abt    1835          PLACE: ,Greene,AL
BUR.:                        PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Govin GORDON Jr.-4796
---- BORN:        1779          PLACE: ,Union,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE: ,Newton,MS
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Andrew GORDON-4797
---- BORN:                      PLACE: ,Union,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Rebecca GORDON-4798
---- BORN:                      PLACE: ,Union,SC
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: Ruth GORDON-4799
---- BORN:                      PLACE: ,Union,SC
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    1835          PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
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HUSBAND Govin GORDON-4758                                                Yr of Birth 1747
WIFE    Sarah CLARK-4795                                                 Yr of Birth
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: Violet GORDON-4800
---- BORN:                    PLACE: ,Union,SC
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: Bef    1852        PLACE: ,Greene,AL
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 6.  NAME: Hannah GORDON-4801
---- BORN:                    PLACE: ,Union,SC
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: Bef    1826        PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 7.  NAME: James GORDON-4802
---- BORN:                    PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
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HUSBAND	Govin GORDON-4758	Yr of Birth 1747
WIFE	Sarah CLARK-4795	Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - Govin GORDON-4758

Born in VA; brought to SC in 1749 when abt 2.

In 1759 Thomas Gordon & wife Elizabeth made Deed of Gift to Govin & George Gordon, "...2 younger bros now under care of their mother Ruth Gordon," of John Gordon's original 450 acres + 50 acres he later purchased (which Thomas had inherited), the land being on N side of Collins (Enoree) River. "Upper part of the large tract that contains 450 acres to be the property, estate & inheritance of Govin Gordon." [Deed cited in GDS] At that time Govin was abt 12.

He m Sarah [Clark, per JMF] abt 1778, going by b date of 1st child

Revolutionary War: Served 52 days as Lieut of Horse, Capt McKay's Co, in 1778; 61 days as Capt of Foot, 223 days as Capt of Horse, 1 Feb 1779 to 30 Jan 1781, all of this in Col Brandon's Regt, b/4 & after fall of Charleston in 1780.

1800 Census, Union Dist, SC, pg 232 (same pg as his nephew Jesse): Goven (sic) Gordan (sic): 1 M <10, 2 M 16-26, 1 M >45, 1 F <10, 3 F 10-16, 1 F>45, 2 slaves. This accounts for Govin, his wife, 3 known sons & 4 known daughs.

Continued to live in Union Co, SC, after War. Govin & Sarah Gordon sold land there in 1805-6. All children prob b there; 6th m there in 1811. Moved to Jones Co, GA, [which shows that at least 1 member of this generation migrated to GA w/ members of the next; i.e., Maj Thomas' sons Benjamin & Thomas Jr]. 1811 Tax Digest, Jones Co, shows Govin owning 3 slaves & 202 1/2 acres on Cedar Creek.

Jones Co Will Book B, 1815-25, p 54. Written 16 July 1814, probated 14 Dec 1815. "I Goven (sic) Gorden (sic)" leaves everything to beloved wife Ronah (am sure it was not "Sarah") during her life. To youngest son James 1/2 his lands, 1 saddle & bridle, 1 featherbed. To James Awbry 1 saddle & bridle. Aft widow's death, gives James rest of lands & houses + "my part of the distillery." Rest property divided among daughs Rebecah (sic) Noland, Vilet (sic) Chandler, Hannah Dumas, Ruthy Gary. Says he gave other children "all their portion." Executors sons James & Andrew.

Info except census & will from GDS

WIFE - Sarah CLARK-4795

GDS did not know last name. JMF says Clark

After d of husb moved to Greene Co, AL, w/ 2 married dau, Violet Chandler & Ruth Gary. Son Govin Jr was living there too.

Will signed 5 June 1835 in Greene Co, AL, gave slave to 3rd dau Violet Chandler, to be passed on to her husb James Chandler at her death. Bed to granddau Sarah Gary. Residue to be divided b/n her 2 dau.

Info: GDS

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1334
DOCUMENTATION

HUSBAND Govin GORDON-4758 Yr of Birth 1747
WIFE Sarah CLARK-4795 Yr of Birth

CHILD 1 - Govin GORDON Jr.-4796

He m Mary _____. Children: 1. Nancy ((1807-1886), m Thomas G. Lay. 2. Letty (?-1840), m Robt McAllister. 3. James (1816-1896). 4. Eli (1821-1908). 5. Andrew (1823-1896). 6. Elizabeth (1830-?)

He moved to Greene Co, AL, from SC sometime after 1805. From there to Newton Co, MS.

All info: GDS

CHILD 2 - Andrew GORDON-4797

Only info on him is that he was executor of father's will

CHILD 3 - Rebecca GORDON-4798

Only info: named in father's will as Rebecca Noland

CHILD 4 - Ruth GORDON-4799

She m William Gary in SC & moved to Greene Co, AL. Only child, Sarah Gary, named in grandmother's will

CHILD 5 - Violet GORDON-4800

She m Scott Chandler in SC. Moved to Greene Co, AL, w/ mother & sis Ruth Gary sometime aft her father's d in 1815.

CHILD 6 - Hannah GORDON-4801

She m John Dumas 24 Dec 1811 in Jones Co, GA. Known to have d bef 1826 b/c husb remarried 12 Mar 1826.

CHILD 7 - James GORDON-4802

Prob b in SC too abt 1791 [guesses based on siblings b dates & places]

Only know he administered father's estate & inherited all his land in Jones Co, GA.

George Gordon

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1335

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HUSBAND George GORDON-4759
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BORN:    2 May 1752         PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:         1832          PLACE: ,St. Helena Par.,LA
BUR.:                       PLACE:
MARR:         1779          PLACE: ,,SC
FATHER: John GORDON-4743                                               PARENTS' MRIN: 1326
MOTHER: Ruth R.-4753
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WIFE   Elizabeth-4803
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BORN:                       PLACE:
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:  Aft  1803            PLACE:
BUR.:                       PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: John GORDON Sr.-4804
---- BORN:  9 Nov 1780          PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:        1807          PLACE: ,,KY
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Thomas GORDON-4805
---- BORN: 23 Dec 1782          PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:  6 Jan 1845          PLACE: ,Amite,MS
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Mary GORDON-4806
---- BORN: 21 Jan 1785          PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: Ann (Nancy) GORDON-4807
---- BORN: 17 Feb 1787          PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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HUSBAND George GORDON-4759                                              Yr of Birth 1752
WIFE    Elizabeth-4803                                                  Yr of Birth
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5. NAME: Ruth White GORDON-4808
---- BORN: 18 Dec 1788          PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: 16 Jan 1789          PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 6. NAME: William Stark GORDON-4809
---- BORN: 22 Dec 1789          PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:  5 Oct 1861          PLACE: ,St. Helena Par.,LA
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 7. NAME: Rachel GORDON-4810
---- BORN: 12 Jun 1792          PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 8. NAME: Leah GORDON-4811
---- BORN: 15 Dec 1794          PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 9. NAME: Elizabeth GORDON-4812
---- BORN:  2 Jul 1797          PLACE: ,,KY
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:  9 May 1882          PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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10. NAME: Milbrey GORDON-4813
---- BORN: 21 Jul 1801          PLACE: ,,KY
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:       1832/1835      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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HUSBAND George GORDON-4759 Yr of Birth 1752

WIFE Elizabeth-4803 Yr of Birth

CHILDREN (continued)

11. NAME: Lorren GORDON-4814

---- BORN: 16 Jan 1803 PLACE: ,,KY

M CHR.: PLACE:

DIED: 12 Sep 1813 PLACE: ,,LA

BUR.: PLACE:

SPOUSE:

MARR: PLACE:

HUSBAND George GORDON-4759 Yr of Birth 1752
WIFE Elizabeth-4803 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - George GORDON-4759

Cf note on father John (4742) for explanation that b place was NOT modern Berkeley Co, SC.

B date & place per GDS. He was only child of John & Ruth b aft move to SC.

In 1759 Thomas Gordon, wheelwright, & wife Elizabeth made Deed of Gift to George (who was then 7) & his bro Govin of their father's original homestead (cf note on Govin #4758). "...the lower part of said 450 acres whereon improvements & dwelling houses of...Ruth Gordon is, to be the Estate inheritance & property of George Gordon." [Deed cited in GDS]

In 1765 Abraham Anderson, 2nd husb of Ruth Gordon, bequeathed to Govin & George Gordon, jointly, 1 negro Chloe.

GDS gives scant info on George & family. First 8 children b in Newberry Co, SC, 8th in 1794. Last 3 b in KY 1797-1803, but 11th died in LA in 1813, which is where George d in 1832. Suggests family moved to KY abt 1794-7, perhaps Livingston Co where son Thomas m in 1804? [KY was already well settled, having been admitted to statehood in 1792. Livingston Co, where both Tennessee & Cumberland Rivers enter Ohio River, was prob reached by floating all the way down the Tennessee from Appalachian tributaries.] Son John d in KY & dau Nancy m & prob stayed there. Sometime b/n 1804-13 rest of the family moved again, this time prob floating down Mississippi River to settle in lands E of river along border b/n Mississippi & Louisiana Territories. Son Thomas & daus Rachel & Milbrey known to have settled N of boarder, 1st 2 in Amite Co, MS, 3rd in Marion Co, which was formed out of Amite Co in 1811. George & Elizbeth (if she was still living), prob accompanied by 2 youngest sons, William & Lorren, settled across border in St. Helena Parish, LA, which is immediately S of Amite Co.

Author of GDS descended from George, as follows: George m. Elizabeth. Their son, John Gordon (Sr) m Mary Miller. Their son, John Gordon Jr m. Mary Holden. Their dau, Emily Madeline Gordon, m. Henry Carter Lindsey. Their dau, Minnie Madeline Lindsay (sic), m. Jeremiah E. Northcutt. Their dau, Erminie Northcutt (author of GDS) m. Baldwin Daniel Marshall. [Letter from Erminie's sis Camille Northcutt to MWF, date?]

WIFE - Elizabeth-4803

No other info. D date est from b date of last child

CHILD 1 - John GORDON Sr.-4804

He m Mary Miller in KY. [GDS gives scant info on this & all other children of George Gordon]

CHILD 2 - Thomas GORDON-4805

He m Ky Ann Miller in Livingston Co, KY, 28 Mar 1804

CHILD 3 - Mary GORDON-4806

She m Arthur H. Davis 1 Oct 1799

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1335
DOCUMENTATION

HUSBAND George GORDON-4759 Yr of Birth 1752
WIFE Elizabeth-4803 Yr of Birth

CHILD 4 - Ann (Nancy) GORDON-4807

She m James Y. McNabb in KY

CHILD 5 - Ruth White GORDON-4808

CHILD 6 - William Stark GORDON-4809

He m Elizabeth Day 15 Dec 1817.

Fact he d in St. Helena Parish, LA, 29 yrs after his father suggests they may have migrated there together

CHILD 7 - Rachel GORDON-4810

She m George Raborn in Amite Co, MS. Did she migrate there b/4 marriage w/ her bro Thomas?

CHILD 8 - Leah GORDON-4811

She m Daniel Cryer 23 Jan 1812

CHILD 9 - Elizabeth GORDON-4812

She m Renny Lee, planter

CHILD 10 - Milbrey GORDON-4813

She m Michael Prescott 13 April 1815 in Marion Co, MS [formed from Amite Co in 1811]. If dates correct, she was not quite 14!

CHILD 11 - Lorren GORDON-4814

WILLIAM SANFORD III

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-997

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HUSBAND William SANFORD III-3459
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BORN:   Apr 1734          PLACE: ,Loudoun,VA
CHR.:                     PLACE:
DIED:   17 Dec 1806       PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
BUR.:                     PLACE: JesseSanfordCem.,Milledgeville,GA
MARR:   19 Feb 1760       PLACE: ,Loudoun,VA
FATHER: William SANFORD II-4655                                              PARENTS' MRIN: 1155
MOTHER: Barbara-4656
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WIFE    Rachel MEDFORD-3460
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BORN:   26 Dec 1739       PLACE: ,,VA
CHR.:                     PLACE:
DIED:                     PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
BUR.:                     PLACE: ,Wm.Sanford Cem.,Milledgeville,GA
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Jesse SANFORD Captain-749
---- BORN:  3 Jan 1764         PLACE: ,Loudoun,VA
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: 18 Feb 1827         PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
     BUR.:                     PLACE: JesseSanford Cem,Milledgeville,GA
     SPOUSE: Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750                                     MRIN: 209
     MARR: Abt    1793         PLACE: ,Greene,GA
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 2.  NAME: Henry SANFORD-4835
---- BORN: 22 Sep 1766         PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED:                     PLACE:
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Dolcey Bellon SANFORD-4836
---- BORN: 20 Sep 1773         PLACE:
 F   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED:                     PLACE:
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: William A. SANFORD-4837
---- BORN:  7 May 1777         PLACE: ,,VA
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: 12 Dec 1862         PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
     BUR.:                     PLACE: Wm.Sanford Cem.,Milledgeville,GA
     SPOUSE: Elizabeth HALL-4842                                             MRIN: 1342
     MARR: 24 Aug 1826         PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
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HUSBAND William SANFORD III-3459                                          Yr of Birth 1734
WIFE    Rachel MEDFORD-3460                                               Yr of Birth 1739
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: Berkley SANFORD-4838
---- BORN:  7 Feb 1779          PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 6.  NAME: Thornton SANFORD-4839
---- BORN:  9 May 1784          PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: Aft     1814         PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 7.  NAME: Frederick SANFORD-4840
---- BORN:     May 1788         PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: Abt     1822         PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Mary S. STANTON-4843                                     MRIN: 1343
     MARR: 12 Dec 1812          PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
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 8.  NAME: Mary SANFORD-4841
---- BORN:                      PLACE:
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
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HUSBAND	William SANFORD III-3459	Yr of Birth 1734
WIFE	Rachel MEDFORD-3460	Yr of Birth 1739

HUSBAND - William SANFORD III-3459

Info from JMF, who cites Sanford family Bible owned by Miss Marie McComb (Cook) of Milledgeville, GA, for m. info. B & d also? B date consistent w/ death @ age 72 in 1806. Also from Neal (cf Robert Sanford #1118 for citation).

1994 IGI, Version 3.05, gives b date "abt 1737" & b place Loudoun Co, VA, instead of Westmoreland Co per JMF's source. Have better evidence for 1734 b date, but Loudoun b place might be correct. IGI says William II's 1st 4 children b. there. William III was m. there & 1st child b. there, indicating roots in that county. Furthermore, Neal documents migration of other Sanfords up the Northern Neck, thru King George & Stafford Cos, to the future counties of Prince William, Fairfax & Loudoun, starting in the 1730s. [Loudoun Co was not formed until 1757 from Fairfax Co, & Fairfax Co was not formed until 1742 from Prince William Co, which was formed in 1730/1. IGI prob means "what became Loudoun Co." Must confirm from LDS film #455020 cited by IGI.]

B places of William III's other children unknown until Frederick, b 1788 in Westmoreland Co. Therefore he may have moved his family there b/n 1764-1788. This is entirely possible, particularly if William was in the Army from 1775 to 1781 (see below). He might have left his family closer to his many relatives in that county. Note he still managed to father children in 1777 & 1779. They would have been conceived abt Aug 1776 & May 1778.

DAR application filed by Miss McComb states Capt. Wm Sanford "served in Marines on board ship General Washington to carried dispatches to France." Her source: "Part II, Sec. 216. Under William Dove. Viginia Militia in Revolutionary War, McAllister, J.T." However no Sanford or Sandford in Revolutionary War Naval Personnel (Series M880, Roll 4, National Archives) where Marines are listed.

Only 1 William Sanford in Consolidated List of Revolutionary War Service Records, National Archives, who could possibly have been our William III. Age at time he was commissioned (41) is compatible. However, no way to be sure this is indeed him:

William Sanford, Capt, 2nd VA Regt. Started as 2nd Lt, 2nd Battalion, commission dtd 21 Sept 1775. Promoted to Capt 25 Sept 1776. Thru 1777 was Capt of Captain Wm Sanford's Co, 2nd VA Regt of Foot, commanded by Col Alexander Spotswood. Carried on Co payroll thru Mar 1778, pay $40/mo. Name appears on list "Arrangement of VA battalions, White Plains, Aug 1778." Appears as "Capt, Infantry" in "List of officers of VA Line on Continental Establishment who received certificates for balance of their full pay agreeable to Act of Assemby passed Nov Session, 1781." 22 Aug 1783: final pay 248 pounds, 3 s. He did not submit application for pension. [Cf. Sorrel/Gordon Notes, p 19 for details.]

At end of War (whether he served or not), William apparently stayed in VA. He was still in Westmoreland Co when 7th child b in 1788. Sometime after that he migrated to Hancock Co, GA, prob w/ his family. (His 3rd child was only 15 in 1788.) We know 2 younger sons (William & Frederick) located there. Eldest son Jesse may have accompanied them, or perhaps gone on his own. William's bro Jeremiah had also located in Hancock Co b/4 1810 (cf his note #4659).

These moves were part of the extensive migration from VA to GA aft the Revolutionary War ended in 1783. Hancock Co records show there were Virginia Mitchells & Thweatts there, as well as Gordons from SC.

1806 Hancock Co. Tax Digest, p 41: Wm Sanford owned NO slaves but 3 tracts of land: 202 1/2 acres on Glady (?) Creek in Baldwin Co, 360 acres on Sandy Run in Hancock Co, & 186 acres on Heart's (?) Creek in Warren Co. Indenture below proves these properties belonged to Wm Sanford III. There was another Wm Sanford in this same Digest, not otherwise identified. Seems reasonable to assume that was the son, Wm Sanford IV.

William was prob living w/ son Jesse when he d intestate at age 72 in Baldwin Co, GA. (County created in 1803.) Jesse administered his estate [Baldwin Co . Minute Book 1807-11, p 25]. Actual inventory & appraisal, done 4 July 1809, is in Appraisement Book B, 1807, p 53. Could not find on casual search but doubt this would contain any significant info.

His is the 3rd grave in Jesse Sanford Burial Ground. [cf Jesse's note #749 for directions] Tombstone inscription: Wm
Remains
Sanford Sen

Indenture, 9 May 1814 b/n Jesse Sanford, administrator of estate of William Sanford, Sen, deceased, of Baldwin Co & James Simmons of Hancock Co. On 7 Dec 1813 administrator "did publish & expose at public sale at the Market House in the town of Sparta...one certain tract of land belonging to the estate of the aforesaid deceased in Hancock Co on the waters of Sandy Run...containing 360 acres, which tract...was duly cryd (sic) and was knocked off for the sum of $320..." [Hancock Co Deed Book L, p 419]

WIFE - Rachel MEDFORD-3460

Info on her & Wm Sanford III from JMF. EW Smith [cf James Thweatt #4850 for citation] says her name was Sarah.

M date: Wm Sanford family bible. Burial: single gravestone lying on its face at base of shaft in Wm Sanford (IV) burial ground in Milledgeville is prob hers.

CHILD 1 - Jesse SANFORD Captain-749

B date: Sanford family Bible. D date also? (from JMF)

From son John W A Sanford's Memorandum Book in DAR Library [at Montgomery, AL?] quoted by JMF: Served as Lieut in Revolutionary War; w/ Washington's Army at Yorktown at surrender of Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781. "After war he migrated to State of GA & settled in Hancock Co, in that part now included in Baldwin... [He] was Virginian by birth. His education was good for the period in which he was reared. He was engineer by profession but never followed the calling...He was farmer & planter & accumulated large fortune. Indeed, at time of his death he was wealthiest man in middle & upper GA. He is represented to have been tall & remarkably handsome. His complexion was that of a brunette --his eyes were hazel & his hair was of dark chestnut color. In his manners he was very courtly, affable in his social intercourse. He rarely laughed.

HUSBAND William SANFORD III-3459 Yr of Birth 1734
WIFE Rachel MEDFORD-3460 Yr of Birth 1739

His conversation was fine, but he did not a talk great deal. He had an imperious will & tolerated no opposition. He was always in earnest. This gave him an austere manner. Even in his family he was reserved & never dandled his children, although he delighted in hearing them talk."

MWF's membership in DAR (#556891, submitted 1972) based on descent from Jesse Sanford. Only documentation is "Information supplied by Mrs Geraldine Gerald Bush, #389161." However, latter bases her membership on descent from William Sanford, Jesse's father (cf his note #3459). SEARCH OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE RECORDS & PENSION APPLICATIONS BY JGF 13 MAR 1993 SHOWED ONLY 1 JESSE SANFORD -- FROM AVON, CT!

If Jesse was really a Lieut at Yorktown, he would have been only 19. May well have gone to GA after war ended (1783) b/c settlers were already flooding into area b/n Savannah & Oconee Rivers. 1st proof of his residence there 5 July 1794 (age 30), when his "Brand JS--his mark a crop in the left ear & a swallow fork in the right ear of all stock" was registered in Hancock Co Deed Book AB, p 16.

Going by est b date of 1st child (2 yrs b/4 2nd child b in Aug 1796), he was prob m abt 1793. Letter from Anna Bell Sanford Ham (Mrs Lamar Ham) of Milledgeville to Tom C. Rives 27 Feb 1939 [in JMF files]: "Jesse Sanford married Martha Goodwyn Mitchell in Greene (now Baldwin) Co...Her family objected because he was at that time a poor man, & he rode up to her house on horseback & she got on behind him & they eloped. I have heard my grandfather tell this & also Gen J.W.A. of Montgomery."

Genealogists' Handybook says "triangular small NE corner of Baldwin Co" was originally part of Greene Co. This would be part of Baldwin Co E of Oconee River opposite Milledgeville, which was not not laid out until 1804. Hancock Co (formed out of Greene Co in 1793) borders Baldwin on NE, the Oconee here being the border. Land on W side of Oconee was Indian territory until Baldwin Co was laid out, but much of the land Jesse bought in Hancock Co (cf below) was on the Oconee in this area. Thus, altho Jesse became associated with Milledgeville, prob soon after it was founded, his residence may have been in Hancock Co. Location of his burial ground (cf below) supports this.

4 Nov 1797 he bought Lot 11 in town of Sparta for $100, it extended "105 ft in front & 210 ft back...being the same whereon said Sanford now lives." [Hancock Co Deed Book AB, p 478] Thus he was living in town at age 33 -- not farming?

Shortly aft that, he started buying large tracts of land in Hancock Co. Where did he, who had been so poor when he married, get all this cash?

12 Nov 1799: for $1000, 140 acres on Oconee River with house(s) & an orchard on it. Was this when he moved near the future Milledgeville? [Hancock Co Deed Book E, p 302] 6 Jan 1800: for $500, 100 acres on Oconee [ibid, p 299]. 8 Dec 1800: for $1500, 287 1/2 acres on Buffalo Creek (in S of county) from Thomas & Nancy (Ann) Mitchell of Hancock Co [wife's uncle; cf Thos Mitchell #6491 & Martha Mitchell #750] [ibid, p 300] Abutters were 2 more of Martha's uncles, Henry Mitchell #6492 & James Thweatt #6486. 20 April 1803: for $2000, 287 1/2 acres on Island Creek (waters of the Oconee River). [Island Creek, now

partially flooded by dammed Oconee, flowed in this river due N of Milledgeville not far from Jesse Sanford Cemetery.] [Deed Book F, p 294]

7 June 1803: Jesse Sanford of Hancock Co pays $1400 to Matthew & Wm Kichen for 7 slaves: Dick, Moses, Ned, Allan, Abraham, Jenny & Beck. [ibid, p 295].

13 June 1805: he paid Benjamin Sanford $794.50 for all accounts, claims, etc. [Thus he did have to borrow, but apparently not much. I cannot identify this Benjamin. Perhaps member of another Sanford family?]

14 Dec 1818: sold for $1500 287 1/2 acres on Buffalo Creek (same land he had purchased in 1800). [Deed Book M, p 86] Check of deeds thru 1821 showed no more Jesse deals, therefore this was prob last one in Hancock Co. [CANNOT DOCUMENT ANY LAND TRANSACTIONS IN BALDWIN CO b/c ALL RECORDS b/4 1861 DESTROYED BY FIRE IN 1870s.]

1812-19: As adminstrator of estate of William Sanford Sr dec'd (his father), Jesse made annual returns [Baldwin Co Minute Book 1812-19, p 94]

He may have been "a poor man" in abt 1793, but when he d 34 yrs later he was quite wealthy (cf will below). He prob did this raising cotton & he may have obtained some of his land thru GA land lotteries held in 1803 & 06. Sometime b/n 1804 when Milledgeville was laid out, & 1818, when he drafted his will, he moved there. However, as noted above, he may not have lived in town itself. Will identified him as "of Milledgeville," but refers to "the plantation where I now live." Abt 1824, when Jesse was 60, John Marlor, an English carpenter who was a master of Federal style, built a spacious mansion which still stands, now known as Brown-Sanford house. [It was moved across town to Hancock St in 1966 to avoid demolition. "History in Towns, Milledgeville," Wm N Banks, Antiques, Aug 1992, p 234] W/o land records do not know if Jesse had house built. In any case, this & mansion son John W.A. built for his new wife (cf note #754) are evidence of his family's affluence.

"Like all frontier communities, Baldwin Co in this period had a greater per centage of residents under 18 yrs old than did the state as a whole, & the number of males was large. Almost all of its farmers were small landowners, & collectively they owned few slaves. However, the size of the average holding... increased with the growing concentration of land ownership. John Rutherford...Thomas Moughon & Jesse Sanford were among the larger slave holders in 1820; their holdings averaged 64...Perhaps the most impressive of these was Jesse Sanford, who at the time of his death in 1827 possessed 25 domestic servants & 228 field hands distributed among 6 plantations. His personal wealth included fine mahogany furniture, silver plate & cut glass decanters." "Milledgeville, Georgia's Antebellum Capital," Bonner, JC, Athens, Univ of GA Press, 1978, p 36.

Will, dated 14 July 1818; probated 5 Mar 1827: left wife Martha G. Sanford $2000 cash, 4 negroes, loan of plantation for her life, then to be divided among children; left son John W A land in Laurens Co (2nd county S of Baldwin) & Lot 1 in Milledgeville; left son Thomas G plantation "in Putnam Co, near Garners Ferry on Oconee" (1st county N of Baldwin) & lot in Milledgeville; left son Adolph M. his part of lands owned jointly with his (Jesse's) bro William &

HUSBAND William SANFORD III-3459 Yr of Birth 1734
WIFE Rachel MEDFORD-3460 Yr of Birth 1739

lot on Wayne St in Milledgeville "which my mother & I purchased...;" left 3 sons-in-law, Thomas Moughon, who m Mary G, Green H Jordan, who m Elizabeth, & John W Gordon, who m Martha, $5000 apiece; left "little daus" Emily & Camilla $10,000 apiece; left granddau Maria Sanford Moughon lot in Sparta (Hancock Co) & negro girl; left grandson Jesse John Jordan 1 negro girl; left "1st issue of Martha Gordon" 1 negro girl. Executors: bro William Sanford, Thomas Moughon. [Baldwin Co Will Book A, 1806-32, p 270] Thus, in addition to 4 farms in 3 counties, 4 lots in 2 towns & 7 slaves, he left $37,000 in cash!

Directions to Jesse Sanford Burial Ground: Leave Milledgeville on Rt 22 east. Abt mile after crossing Oconee, take Lake Laurel Rd on left. Follow to fork, where Ingram Rd goes off to left. Continue on Laurel (right fork) to Gumm Cemetery Rd on left. Follow this N, crossing RR tracks at Shiloh Ranch Rd. Abt 1 mi past RR tracks, 1st road on left is unmarked (on map, North Ingram Rd) & red clay. Go down this winding road 0.7 mi to another clay road branching off to left. (There are couple of tracks into woods b/4 that; this is definite road.) Park here & walk 150 ft further along main road. Grave yard on left, abt yard off road, surrounded by trees & brush. Within crumbling stone wall are tombstones of Jesse, his wife Martha, & his father William Sen.

Graveyard is on high ground overlooking Oconee, altho forest so dense river can't be seen. Quite likely this was land he purchased on Island Creek in 1803 & "the plantation where I now live" mentioned in his will. This would have been a healthy place to live, far above "miasmas" rising from the river.

CHILD 2 - Henry SANFORD-4835

CHILD 3 - Dolcey Bellon SANFORD-4836

CHILD 4 - William A. SANFORD-4837

B & d dates from tombstone. M date: Baldwin Co Marriage Records, 1806-?, p 63.

1806 Hancock Co Tax Digest, Capt Barnes' Division, p 229: William Sanford owned 7 Negroes & 202 1/2 acres on Rudy Creek & 202 1/2 acres on Parmeter Creek, both in Hancock Co. There were 2 William Sanfords in this same Digest. Cf father's note #3459 for reason this entry placed here.

Thus we have evidence all or most of Wm Sanford III's family migrated to Hancock Co & farmed there for many yrs b/4 moving W to Baldwin Co.

Route to his grave: Go N on US 441 thru Milledgeville "strip." Abt 1 1/2 mi before highway crosses Oconee River/Lake, Merriweather Rd is on left. (Corral Rd on right.) Follow Merriweather to 1st right, Stewart Drive. Follow this abt 1 mi to fork. Go right on Pine Cone Rd abt 3/4 mi to 3-way fork. Take right-most, Pennington Rd, abt 1/2 mi to Penny Lane on left. 20 ft granite shaft of monument in patch of overgrown woods past 1st house on right on Penny Lane. He was 85 yrs, 7 mo, 5 d; she was 76 yrs, 10 mo, 13 d.

Neighbor says his plantation extended from Oconee River N of here to what is now Baldwin Memorial Gardens on US 441 some distance to S.

Will dated 12 Dec 1861 in Baldwin Co Will Book B, p 342. Jeremiah Beall

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WIFE Rachel MEDFORD-3460 Yr of Birth 1739

executor. Did not look up.

CHILD 5 - Berkley SANFORD-4838

CHILD 6 - Thornton SANFORD-4839
He m. Elizabeth Brown 28 Nov 1814 [Baldwin Co Marriage Records, 1806-?]

CHILD 7 - Frederick SANFORD-4840
All info on him & spouse: MWF notes of 7 May 1969 in file. M. date confirmed in Baldwin Co Marriage Records, 1806-?.

CHILD 8 - Mary SANFORD-4841

OTHER CHILDREN OF WILLIAM SANFORD II

JEREMIAH
MARY (M. JOHN BULGER)
SARAH (M. — MARMADUKE)

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HUSBAND Jeremiah SANFORD-4659

BORN: 4 Nov 1739 PLACE: ,Loudoun,VA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 11 Aug 1825 PLACE: Greensboro,Greene,GA
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 1766 PLACE:
FATHER: William SANFORD II-4655 PARENTS' MRIN: 1155
MOTHER: Barbara-4656

WIFE Mary MODESSETT-4844

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
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Husband______________________________

Wife______________________________ Date prepared: 16 Feb 1999

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HUSBAND Jeremiah SANFORD-4659 Yr of Birth 1739
WIFE Mary MODESSETT-4844 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - Jeremiah SANFORD-4659

Wife's name & m. place from JMF; no citations. 1994 IGI Version 3.05 gives b place & agrees w/ d date & place given in the following (which lends weight to its accuracy.)

Genealogy prepared in 1975 by Charlotte Thomas Marshall, 402 Riverview Rd, Athen GA 30601, in the GHS King Collection, VA Historical Soc Library, says he came to GA from Loudoun Co, VA, abt 1810. Obituary in Georgia Journal, Milledgeville, 4 Oct 1825, says he d. in Greene Co 11 Aug 1825 at age 85 yrs, 9 mo, 7 days. It says he was in the Army at Yorktown under Col John Augustine Washington (bro of George). Tombstone in Greensboro says he was b. in VA & confirms these b & d dates.

Loudoun Co deeds in VA State Lib prove Jeremiah was in Loudoun Co in Sept 1787. On that date he purchased a tract in Westmoreland Co from Bushrod Washington, which shows he still had roots there. By July 1810 he was "of Hancock Co, GA." [Deed Books Q, pp 179-80; 2L, pp 62, 514; 2M, pp 2-3.]

WIFE - Mary MODESSETT-4844

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Mary Sanford

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Relationship to:

Husband ____________________

Wife ____________________

Date prepared: [illegible]

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HUSBAND John BULGER-4845

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: Bef Mar 1784 PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE Mary SANFORD-4660

BORN: Abt 1741 PLACE: Greensboro,Greene,GA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft 1782 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER: William SANFORD II-4655 PARENTS' MRIN: 1155
MOTHER: Barbara-4656

CHILDREN

1. NAME: John BULGER Jr.-4846
---- BORN: Bef Apr 1797 PLACE:
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DIED: PLACE:
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Husband______________________________

Wife______________________________

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HUSBAND John BULGER-4845 Yr of Birth
WIFE Mary SANFORD-4660 Yr of Birth 1741

HUSBAND - John BULGER-4845

Mother-in-law Barbara Sanford (4656) mentions "grandson John Bulger" in her will.

WIFE - Mary SANFORD-4660

B date & place from IGI cited in father's note.

Named as Mary Bulger in father's will, proved Mar 1784. Mention of grandson John Bulger Junr in mother's will indicates her husb was John Bulger. Who were Thomas James & Richard Bulger to whom mother also bequeathed items? Other sons? Bros of husb John?

CHILD 1 - John BULGER Jr.-4846

His grandmother Barbara Sanford bequeathed him corner cupboard & Dutch oven in will written 25 April 1797.

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BORN: PLACE:
CHR: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR: PLACE:
MARR: Abt Mar 1793 PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

Sarah Sanford

WIFE: Sarah SANFORD-[illegible]

BORN: Abt 1761 PLACE: [illegible], CT
CHR: PLACE:
DIED: Aft 1793 PLACE:
BUR: PLACE:
FATHER: William SANFORD II-[illegible]
MOTHER: Barbara [illegible]

PARENTS' MARR: [illegible]

CHILDREN

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WIFE ____________________

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HUSBAND MARMADUKE-4847
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BORN:                  PLACE:
CHR.:                  PLACE:
DIED:                  PLACE:
BUR.:                  PLACE:
MARR:   Bef    Mar 1784      PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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WIFE    Sarah SANFORD-4661
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BORN:   Abt    1743      PLACE: Greensboro,Greene,GA
CHR.:                  PLACE:
DIED:   Aft    1782      PLACE:
BUR.:                  PLACE:
FATHER: William SANFORD II-4655                                              PARENTS' MRIN: 1155
MOTHER: Barbara-4656
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HUSBAND	MARMADUKE-4847	Yr of Birth
WIFE	Sarah SANFORD-4661	Yr of Birth 1743

HUSBAND - MARMADUKE-4847

WIFE - Sarah SANFORD-4661

B date & place from IGI cited in father's note. Named in his May 1782 will as Sarah Marmaduke.

PARENTS OF MARTHA GOODWYN MITCHELL
(WIFE OF JESSE SANFORD)

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HUSBAND John MITCHELL-767
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BORN:   25 Aug 1748         PLACE: ,Sussex,VA
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:    3 Jan 1804         PLACE: ,Hancock,GA
BUR.:                       PLACE:
MARR:                       PLACE:
FATHER: Thomas MITCHELL-4848                                                                      PARENTS' MRIN: 1347
MOTHER: Amey GOODWYNE-4849
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WIFE    Sarah THWEATT-768
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BORN:                       PLACE: ,Dinwiddie,VA
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:                       PLACE: ,Hancock,GA
BUR.:                       PLACE:
FATHER: James THWEATT-4850                                                                        PARENTS' MRIN: 1348
MOTHER: Sarah STURTEVANT-4851
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750
---- BORN: Abt   1772         PLACE: ,Dinwiddie,VA
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: 23 Feb 1827        PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
     BUR.:                    PLACE: JesseSanford Cem,Milledgeville,GA
     SPOUSE: Jesse SANFORD Captain-749                                                            MRIN: 209
     MARR: Abt   1793         PLACE: ,Greene,GA
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 2.  NAME:
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     CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE:
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     SPOUSE:
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HUSBAND John MITCHELL-767 Yr of Birth 1748
WIFE Sarah THWEATT-768 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - John MITCHELL-767

JMF says he was b. in Dinwiddie Co, Spivey in Sussex. Since Spivey says all subsequent children b. in Sussex, will use this.

Cf note on dau Martha (750) re: his family's migration from VA to GA. Since Occaneechi Path ran just west of Sussex Co, thru Dinwiddie Co (cf note 4743, John Gordon, for description), this is undoubtedly route they followed. Instead of turning W toward Broad River in SC, as Gordons did in 1749, they would have continued to follow Path south along Catawba to Camden, SC, where it turned SW to Augusta, GA. There it connected to trails into GA. ["Early American Migration Routes," Henry C. Guest Jr, Miami Valley (Ohio) Genealogical Soc, 1987, reprinted in CT Nutmegger, pp 593-7, vol & yr not recorded]

WIFE - Sarah THWEATT-768

Info on her & John Mitchell from JMF.

CHILD 1 - Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750

B date: B/n 1771 & 1773. "Tradition claims Martha was only child of John Mitchell of Dinwiddie Co, VA, by his 1st wife." [Nancy Lucas to JMF]

JMF lists 9 half-bro & sis: Thomas (m Mary "Polly" Wood, 1785-1858); John (m Elizabeth Wood); James (m Elizabeth Jourdan); William (m Martha Hill); Augustus Cadwell (m Elizabeth Hill); Uriah G (m Mary Hogan); Elizabeth, 1790-1841 (m Henry Blake); Henry (m Sophia Hill); Julius C B, 1795-1848 (m Katherine Daniel) [source: Nancy Lucas] EW Smith p 107 (cf James Thweatt #1348 for citation) says Thomas & John came to GA abt 1784-5 w/ their father.

Account of her elopement & sale of land in Hancock Co, GA, by uncle Thomas [cf Jesse Sanford #749] indicates her family migrated south to GA sometime before or early in 1790s. This was common pattern among Virginians; e.g., Jesse Sanford from Loudoun Co, Jennings family from Nottoway Co (just W of Dinwiddie). Note her father & mother both d in Hancock Co, GA.

D at abt age 55, 5 d after husb, which suggests either epidemic or common disaster. Son-in-law Thomas Moughan named administrator of her estate 7 May 1827 [Baldwin Co Will Book A, 1806-32].

Burial: cf husb's note

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HUSBAND Thomas GORDON Jr.-744
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BORN:         1773/1774    PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
CHR.:                      PLACE:
DIED:         1814/1817    PLACE: ,Jones,GA
BUR.:                      PLACE:
MARR:                      PLACE:
FATHER: Thomas GORDON Major-747                                       PARENTS' MRIN: 208
MOTHER: Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748
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WIFE    Sarah WHEELER?-745
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BORN:  Abt    1769         PLACE: ,,VA
CHR.:                      PLACE:
DIED:  Aft    1850         PLACE: ,,TX
BUR.:                      PLACE:                                     has other marriage(s)
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Thomas GORDON III-746
---- BORN: Abt   1792          PLACE: ,,SC
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: Bef  6 Jun 1814     PLACE: ,Jones,GA
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Patience A. W. LAWSON-4827                               MRIN: 1336
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: John Wheeler GORDON General-709
---- BORN: Abt     1797        PLACE: ,,SC?
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED:     May 1868        PLACE: Vineville(Macon),Bibb,GA
     BUR.: 26 May 1868         PLACE: Rose Hill Cem,Macon,GA
     SPOUSE: Martha Cook SANFORD-710                                  MRIN: 198
     MARR:        1817/1818    PLACE: ,,Ga?
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     DIED:                     PLACE:
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HUSBAND Thomas GORDON Jr.-744 Yr of Birth 1773
WIFE Sarah WHEELER?-745 Yr of Birth 1769

HUSBAND - Thomas GORDON Jr.-744

B yr est from 1790 Census of father's household (cf note 747); Thomas Jr must have been 1 of 3 M >16. If older bro Eli's b date (25 May 1772) correct, Thomas Jr must have been b in 1773 or 1774 in order to be 16 in 1790.

D yr: Last known land purchase 14 Aug 1814. Widow divided estate 12 Dec 1817. (cf below for both docs) Therefore must have d between these dates.

He was "youngest child b to Maj Thomas Gordon & his wife Elizabeth Gordon. He was b abt 1774 in Newberry Co, SC. First appears as a witness to deed dtd 7 April 1792 in Newberry Co. It was sale of land on S side of Enoree River, bounded on E side by said river & land laid out to John Gordon [his grandfather] Document witnessed by Samuel Otterson [husb of Thomas Jr's sis Ruth] & Thomas Gordon, Jr. 28 May 1796 Thomas Gordon Sr, Thomas Gordon Jr & Jesse Gordon witnessed deed made by Benjamin Gordon of Hancock Co GA. Land on Beaverdam Creek, branch of Tyger River in SC. Deed recorded in SC. Thomas Gordon Jr shared in estate of his father...1808-1811...Married, had family & moved away from Newberry Co." ["Gordons of Deep South," E.N.Marshall, Austin TX, 1961] Therefore assume he m in Newberry Co & wife bore 2 sons there. [No evidence that he, or anyone else, inherited his father's lands.]

He & his young wife must have loaded all their worldly possessions &, presumably, their 2 little sons on wagon(s) & taken the roads his father had played a part in constructing many yrs b/4: from the Enoree in Newberry Co to 96, then S from 96 to Augusta [cf Maj. Thomas Gordon #747 for descriptions]. From Augusta they went W on the Upper Trading Path (now US 278), ancient Indian track which led from the Savannah River to the Mississippi. This crossed rolling county which, at that time, was heavily forested. Crossing the Ogeechee River, they entered Hancock Co, which had been formed out of Greene Co in 1793. When they reached Sparta, the county seat, they had come abt 75 mi from Augusta & 150 mi from their old home. This was not unknown territory though. His father had bought land here in 1792 & sold part of it to Thomas II's older bro Benjamin in Nov 1795. Thus 2 of Maj. Thomas' sons settled in Hancock Co abt same time, altho Benjamin returned to Newberry Co not long after.

Fact that Thomas Jr witnessed above deed in May 1796 suggests he resided in Newberry Co until at least that date. However, 1795 Hancock Co Tax Digest, (Capt Raines' District) p 25, lists a Thomas Gordon owning 9 Negroes & 133 3/4 acres of 3rd quality land on L[ittle] Ogeechee River. ibid, 1806 (Capt Barnes' Division) p 225, lists Thomas Gordon owning 17 Negroes & 177 acres in same location. This abt 15 mi distant from land on Shoulderbone Creek Maj. Thomas Gordon sold to Benjamin Gordon in 1795. Since almost certain Maj. Thomas never left his residence in Newberry Co (he d. there in 1808), person in these Digests must have been Thomas Gordon II. He must have bought this land, independent of his father, when he was abt 21. Since Thomas II bought land in Jones Co (abt 40 mi further W) in Dec 1807, & he is not listed in 1808 Hancock Co Tax Digest, he prob left here late in 1807 or early 1808. (Note in Jones Co deeds below he was still "of Hancock Co" as late as 5 Apr 1808.)

1800 Census of SC supports this b/c Thomas Jr was only one of Major Thomas'

sons not listed in Newberry or Union Cos. (Cf father's note for evidence Thomas Jr was NOT the M 16-26 in his household in 1800 Census.) As noted below, 1800 Census of GA was destroyed, so cannot use this to prove Thomas Jr had moved there.

15 Jan 1805: Bought Negro woman named Beck for $325. [Hancock Co Deed Book G, p 152]

All land W of Oconee River had been Creek Indian's until they ceded it in treaty signed at Ft. Wilkinson, on W bank of Oconee, 16 June 1802. Baldwin Co, next county W of Hancock, was formed from former Indian lands in 1803, & site near the Fort (which was head of navigation on Oconee) was laid out as county seat & future state capital: Milledgeville. (Capital was moved here from Louisville, abt 40 mi E, in 1807.) All this new land offered new opportunities, & Thomas moved further W.

Cf Sorrel/Gordon/Sanford Notes, Part 4, pp 19 & 29-31 for history of how lands were opened & apportioned in GA & for history of Milledgeville's founding. The lots were usually the odd size of 202 1/2 acres. Why? That's an area 180 rods (= 45 chains) square; i.e., a lot surveyor can lay out easily.

Western part of Baldwin Co became Jones Co in 1807. 31 Dec 1807, Jones Co Deed Bk A, p 213: Indenture between John Cook, Geo Martin & Gideon Mayo of Wilkinson Co [1st county S of Baldwin & Jones, also formed in 1803 from Creek lands] & Thomas Gordon of Hancock Co. Thomas pays $500 for 202 1/2 acres in 9th Dist. (Lot #137). Next day (1 Jan 1808) ibid, p 215, indenture between Wm Grimmett of Clarke Co [N of Greene Co & formed from it in 1801] & Thomas Gordon of Hancock Co; 202 1/2 acres in 9th Dist (Lot #131) for which Thomas paid $700. 3 mo later he enlarged his holdings again: 5 Apr 1808, ibid p 217, b/n Enock Luncford of Baldwin Co & Thomas Gordon of Hancock Co: 202 1/2 acres in 9th Dist of "Baldwin, now Jones Co" (lot #130) for $1000. 14 Jan 1811, Deed Bk E, p 138 Thomas Gordon SOLD John Bucknor Sr Lot 136 on Commissioner Creek (there is no recond of his purchase of this lot). Last known transaction occurred 21 Feb 1812: ibid, p 72, Indenture b/n Jackson of Baldwin Co & Thomas Gordon of Jones. Gordon paid $700 for 101 1/4 acres, "being 1/2 of ...Lot #135." This should have brought his total holdings in 1811 to 607 3/4 acres & by 1812 to 708 3/4 acres.

These totals don't jibe w/tax data. 1811 Jones Co Tax Digest: Thomas Gordon "Sr" [distinguishes him from son Thomas III, who was apparently "Jr" now they had moved away from SC] owned 405 acres on Commissioner Creek & 23 slaves. 1813 Digest says he owned 303 1/4 acres on this Creek & 22 slaves while "Thomas J. Gordon" [presume J stood for Jr; i.e., the son] owned 202 1/2 acres on Commissioner Creek & 101 1/4 acres on Sugar Creek. Thomas "Sr" must have conveyed this land to his son aft 1811. 1814 Tax Digest: Thomas "Sr" owned 202 1/2 acres on Commissioner Creek; Patience W Gordon, adminstratrix for Thomas Gordon ["Jr"] owned same 303 3/4 acres as in 1813. These total 506 1/4 acres, which is exact amt. of land John W Gordon's mother gave him in 1818. That is exactly 202 1/2 acres LESS than Thomas II's total holdings in 1812 (as calculated above), so he must have sold 1 lot b/n 1811 & 1813.

Letter to bro-in-law Samuel Otterson, SC, Union District, 21 July 1811,, gives

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insight into Thomas' education & family relationship: "Well respected Brother and Sister these will Serve to inform you that wear all Still in the Land of the Living and enjoying a reasonable portion of health thanks be to the giver of all Blesings for his mercer to us hoping that these my find you and yours in the Same I have nothing worth your attention at present we have had a very Dry Summer as far as this in Som plases thea have been So Dry that thea cannot make Suporte it is not So bad in this neighbourhood I think that we Shall mak tolrable good crops Except somthing unexpected Should turn it as we have a tolrable Season at present you rote me that you could not Settle with the oddter [auditor] Except you had a recept from me you did not right in what manner it Should be rote I have Sent one and if it Should not answare you must right in what manner will doe and I will Send any kind that you wish So conclud with esteam yours to serve (signed) Thomas Gordon NB my Self and famley joins in complements to you and your and in peticular to our Deare old mother and your Daughters and thare famleys." [Spelling & punctuation are his.]

Same day (21 July 1811) acknowledged he had "received full satisfaction as a legatee to the estate of Thomas Gordon at Newberry District, Deceased." [Both documents above in estate papers of Maj Thomas Gordon, cited in his note #747. Copy in Gordon/Sanford file, Early Gordons & Sanfords section.]

Last known land transaction 14 Aug 1814: Indenture b/n Thomas Gordon of Jones Co & Abijah Anderson of Hancock. Gordon buys 46 acres "being part of Abraham Scott's" in Hancock Co for $250. [MWF found this is in Hancock Co Records; apparently missed by JGF in 1997. Order of names; i.e., grantor to grantee, & fact that land Thomas II owned in 1795 & 1806 Tax Digests had been originally granted to Scott are strong evidence this was a SALE. More likely that Thomas II, now resident in Jones Co, would divest himself of his old property.] Can be sure this was Thomas Jr (II), not his son Thomas III, since latter known to have been "deceased" b/4 6 June 1814 [cf Thomas III note #746].

Thomas was no more than 40 when he d. No will in Jones Co probate records 1808 to 1856. Only Gordon will found was Govin's (#4758). There is 4-yr gap in letters of administration b/n 1814 & 1818. (These were searched from 1808 to 1825.) MWF found Thomas III's there, filed 6 June 1814. Thomas II presumably d. during period for which records are lost, so no way to check whether he died intestate, but evidence points toward this. Note he was still alive when 1814 Tax Digest compiled & son had died. Therefore he must have d. aft Aug 1814 & b/4 wife remarried in Dec 1817. Cf note on wife Sarah #745 for disposition of his estate.

Burial: When son John W. Gordon sold his GA land in 1848, he reserved 1 acre each in Lots 131 & 154 in 9th Dist, Baldwin Co, as "graveyards." Thomas Jr, Thomas III, & other family members presumably were buried there. In 1969 MWF wrote JMF (letter in his files): "I went to the Jones Co Tax Assessor's office & found the names of those persons now owning Lot 131 & Lot 154...Mrs Schelly, a lady of 84, told me she had been over all the land &, as a child, played on that land near the Gordon home. She was sure there was no graveyard on any part of the property now in her possession. Mrs Purseley, 75, & a Mrs Woodcox, ...both life-long residents of Haddock & thoroughly familiar with its environs, too knew of no private places of burial on that land. At Mrs Perseley's suggestion, I called an old negro who is an avid hunter. He, too,

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had never come across an abondoned burial place in that area." [For more details cf John W Gordon #709]

NB: US Censuses of GA 1790, 1800, 1810 were destroyed when British burned Washington in 1814, thus 1820 Census earliest available for GA.

WIFE - Sarah WHEELER?-745

1850 Census Matagorda Co, TX, enumerated 9 Sept lists in household of John W Gordon: Sarah Rutherford, 81, b Virginia. This means she might have been 5 yrs older than her husb.

Surname is a guess based on middle name of her son. 1800 Census, Union Dist, SC lists only Wheeler in this & Newberry Cos: William Wheeler: 2 M<10, 1 M 26-45, 1 F 10-16, 1 F 26-45, 1 F >45. COULD THIS HAVE BEEN SARAH'S FAMILY? (There were no Wheelers in Union, Newberry or Spartanburgh Cos in 1790 Census.) However, Annals of Newberry, Vol 1, by J.B.O'Neall (xerox in Gordon/Sanford file) lists a large Wheeler family which stemmed from "George Wheeler, born in SC in 1759." There is no Sarah or Sally in this list.

Following death of husb Thomas, she m John Rutherford of Washington Co, GA [1st county S of Hancock, formed in 1784 from Indian lands] 16 Dec 1817. 4 days b/4 wedding she made division of estate of deceased husb:

[Jones Co Records, 10 Jan 1818] "Whereas on 12 Dec last, Sarah Gordon & John W. Gordon, widow & son of Thomas Gordon, Senr, deceased, of Jones Co....did proceed to make a division between themselves of all the property...belonging to Estate of said Deceased...Sarah Gordon conveyed to her son John...560 acres of land & 25 negroes...& John W Gordon conveyed to his mother...1 tract or square of land & 8 negroes...as her portion of said Estate: & whereas some doubts may arise with regard to validity of aforesaid Deed of Gift from Sarah Gordon to John W Gordon: Know all men by these presents that I, John Rutherford...having since intermarried with...Sarah Gordon, do hereby relinquish all...my...claim ...to all & every part...of aforesaid...property...& do hereby further relinquish all my right...to whatever belonging to the aforesaid Estate except the household & kitchen furniture that I now have in possession & 80 Barrels of corn & 4 stacks of Blades which is yet to be delivered...10 Jan 1818." (signed) Jno Rutherford. Witnesses: James Booth, Thos Jefferson, JP. [MWF copied this entire document (in Gordon/Sanford file) & may have written five hundred sixty instead of five hundred six acres conveyed. Most likely was 506 acres, since that is how much JWG was taxed on in 1818.]

Assume she went to TX when son John moved his family there & prob d at Gordon home in Matagorda or on Plantation after Sept 1850. If so, she was prob buried in family cemetery on Plantation (cf note on RHD Sorrel for location, etc).

Other marriages:
8 Dec 1817 John RUTHERFORD-769 MRIN: 213

CHILD 1 - Thomas GORDON III-746

B order not known but, since he was married when he d, & bro was still in teens, assume he was older. Assume both b in SC.

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Cf father's note (#744) for land holdings & tax records. Since he appeared in latter in 1813 & was NOT listed as "miner" (as his bro JWG was in 1818) & was also m b/4 he d in 1814, assume he was at least 21 in 1813; i.e, b abt or b/4 1792.

Search of Jones Co marriage records 1811-25 failed to show m. of Thomas Gordon &/or Patience Lawson. (They did contain record of m. of John Rutledge & Thomas II's widow Sarah, MRIN 2130.) Inspection of Hancock Co Marriage Book thru 1822 showed no Gordons. There were several Gordins & Gordens, but their full names were not familiar. Cf Sorrel/Gordon/Sanford Notes, Part 4, pp 15 & 17 for evidence that Lawson family lived in Hancock Co.

D date & place: "Ordered that letters of Administration in the Estate of Thomas Gordon, Jr, Deceased, be granted to Patience Gordon. Securities: Richard W Ellis; Nancy Horton." [Court of Ordinary, Jones Co, 6 June 1814] Patience W Gordon listed as "Admx Thos Gordon Dec" in 1814 Jones Co Tax Digests, Gray, GA. [This is must be son, Thomas III, because most legal documents in GA relating to father call him Thomas Gordon SR. Patience W Gordon was therefore wife of Thomas III. JMF says her name was Patience A.W.Lawson (source?)]

On 24 Oct 1815, aft Thomas d, Patience A W Gordon & John H Lawson of Jones Co sold land in 4th Dist of Baldwin, "now Morgan Co," to Nicholas Ware of Morgan Co [Morgan Co Records, Madison, GA, copied by MWF in her notes of 31 Aug 1969, in Gordon/Sanford file]. Jones Co Tax Digest [cf Thomas Gordon Jr #744] show Lawson as abuttor to land originally owned by Thomas Jr & later by his son. In above notes, MWF postulated that selling property jointly in era when women had limited propery rights is clue that Lawson was related; perhaps her bro. She therefore postulated her name was Patience A W Lawson.

CHILD 2 - John Wheeler GORDON General-709

Birth: Burial record suggests he was b 1793; 1850 Wharton Co Census gives age 53 (twice! better check than usual in Census), suggesting b 1797. Jones Co 1818 Tax Return lists him as minor, so likely he was not b b/4 1797. Burial record gives b place SC. JWA Sanford's Memo Book states "JWG was South Carolinian." However, 1850 gives b place "Georgia" twice!

Death: Interment Rec (p 177) Rose Hill Cem, Macon GA, 26 May 1868 gives residence Vineville, age 75, disease "general debility," remarks "A Charitable Man & a Good Citizen," Lot Range: Holly Ridge, Lot 14. Cf Sorrel/Gordon/Sanford Notes, Part 4, pp 25-6 for search for Gordon/Sorrel burial place. 2 graves, 1 adult, 1 child, are unmarked in Lot 14; prob those of JWG & his grandchild Aminta Sorrel (latter buried 14 June 1866).

His father, Thomas Gordon Jr, purchased at least part of land above Commissioner Creek in Jones Co--where JWG later built his house--b/n 1808-1812 (cf Thomas' note for details). Thomas, Sarah & 2 sons prob living there by 1812. JWG was still in his teens when his bro d in 1814 & his father d b/n 1814-17. 4 days b/4 his mother remarried Dec 1817 she deeded him 506 acres & 25 slaves from his late father's estate [cf her note #745].

1817: Newton Haws contracted debt of $31.31 w/ JWG. In Sept 1820 JWG brought suit for repayment in Jones Co Superior Court. [Did he have to wait till he

reached majority to bring suit?]

1818 Jones Co Tax Digest lists JWG as "miner" owning 506 (sic) acres on Commissioner's Creek & 25 slaves. [JMF thinks these 506 acres were same 303 1/4 owned by father in 1813 Tax Digest & another 202 1/2 owned by bro Thomas in 1814 Tax Digest. Both would have been inherited by his mother, who in turn gave them to her surviving son.]

Sometime b/4 14 July 1818 he m Martha Cook Sanford, whose father had lived in Hancock Co at least as early as 1794 & later moved to Milledgeville, Baldwin Co (next county E of Jones). She could have been no more than 18; he barely 21, perhaps only 20. (Above was date of grandfather's will, in which he named her as Martha Gordon.)

Cf JMF'S "GORDON LAND TRANSACTIONS IN JONES CO, GA, 1807-1848" (in JWG folder, Gordon/Sanford file) FOR COMPLETE LIST & CITATIONS OF ALL TRANSACTIONS SUMMARIZED BELOW.

12 Dec 1818: Indenture b/n Elijah Tarver of Jones Co & JWG, who pays $1800 for 202 1/2 acres known as Lot #134, 9th Dist.

1820 Jones Co Tax Digest: taxed on 911 1/4 acres & 34 slaves. Does NOT appear in 1820 Jones Co Census index under any spelling of Gordon or Jordan.

1821 Jones Co Tax Digest: taxed on 961 1/2 acres & 35 slaves.

1821-4: multiple land transactions: among these purchase on 23 May 1822 of 1/2 of Lot 151 (101 1/2 acres) & another 101 1/4 acres adjoining this in sheriff's sale at Fortville, 2 mi N of Haddock. Set on a high ridge, this was the site of an early trading post & blockhouse built to protect early settlers from Indians. He lived here for 3 yrs while house on Commissioner Creek S of Haddock was under construction.

9 Dec 1822 named trustee of Fortville Academy. 29 July 1824 gives part of Lot 151 purchased above to Academy for erection of Methodist Episcopal Church.

[Gordon-Cline-O'Connor House, built abt 1820, is diagonally across street from JWG's bro-in-law, John WA Sanford's, house in Milledgeville. This did NOT belong to JWG or any of our Gordons. Since Baldwin Co land records were destroyed, cannot be sure, but it prob got "Gordon" from Gen John B Gordon, Civil War hero & later governor of GA. Cf Sorrel/Gordon/Sanford Notes, Part 4, p 20 for details.]

13 July 1825: sold home at Fortville, including 202 1/2 acres, part of Lots 150-1, to Daniel Pratt, architect w/ whom he had contracted to build his new home on hill above Commissioner Creek for $2000. "Daniel Pratt continued to work on new Gordon home 5 yrs, final cost coming to over $60,000." ["History of Jones Co, GA," C. Williams. Some pp, also historical note on Haddock, in Gordon file]

1827: At wife's request he assumed guardianship of her sis Camilla Sanford.

1828: According to William's "History of Jones Co" Daniel Pratt sells home he purchased in 1825 from JWG to Thomas Moughon, husb of Mary G Sanford, sis of Martha C Sanford. Williams states Moughon, JWG & Benj S Jordan (husb of Emily Sanford, another sis) vied w/ one another in building their stately homes.

1830 Census, Jones Co, GA: Household of John W Gordon: 1 M 30-40 [JWG, abt 33]; 1 M 5-10 [Thomas, abt 10]; 1 M<5 [Jesse, abt 1]; 1 F 20-30 [Martha Cook Sanford, abt 30]; 1 F 5-10 [Martha Elizabeth, abt 5-6]; 2 F <5 [Sarah Jane, 3 + ?]; no slaves. [Cannot acct for 1 F <5. Since Martha's b date so uncertain, she might be other F <5, which would leave F 5-10 not acct for. If this was a child who d. b/4 1840 Census, it would lend weight to JMF's theory that 1 or 2 children could have been b in 4-6 yr gap b/n Thomas J. & Martha.]

Senator from Jones Co. in the Georgia Legislature 1832-4 & 1839.

1834: John W Gordin (sic) named trustee Blountsville Academy, Blountsville, Jones Co [Acts of Gen'l Assembly of GA, 1834, Milledgeville, 1835, p 6]

June 1835: Elected by Union Party of Jones Co as delegate to Union Convention ["The Georgian," Savannah, 30 June 1835, p 2, col 2]

11 Nov 1835: Elected by GA Gen'l Assembly "Brig General of 1st Brigade, 5th Division, GA Militia" w/ commission dtd 14 Nov 1835. [Journal of Ga Senate, 1835, p 75] "Dec 1839 (res)" [resigned?] [Letter to JMF from GA Historical Soc 15 Dec 1967: "GA had only 1 regt in Mexican War...Gordon is not in any records we have of Georgians serving in that war."]

1840 Census Jones Co GA: Household of JWG. 1 M 5-10 (William abt 5); 2 M 10-15 (John Jr abt 8; Jesse abt 10); 1 M 40-50 (JWG abt 43); 1 F 5-10 (Camilla abt 4); 1 F 10-15 (Sarah 12); 1 F 15-20 (Martha abt 16); 1 F 30-40 (wife Martha abt 40) + 13 slaves, of whom 6 <10 & 1 >55. 7 members of household in agriculture, presumably JWG & 6 slaves.

23 Mar 1844: conveys (for $150 & grey horse) to Central Rail Road & Banking Co of GA parcel of land 3200 ft long & 82 1/2 ft wide.

Republic of Texas votes for annexation to USA 4 July 1845; admitted as 28th state 29 Dec 1845. US declares war on Mexico 13 May 1846; Scott takes Mexico City 17 Sept 1847.

At this point JWG was about 50, had wife & 5 minor children housed in stately mansion, owned vast lands & many slaves, & had obviously earned respect & recognition thru out GA. Why would he consider pulling up roots & moving to wild new land 1000 mi away? 2 possible explanations: 1) his land was exhausted by intensive farming, presumably of cotton; 2) urging of Albert Clinton Horton, 1st Lt Gov of TX. Latter is family tradition, & Horton's history supports it. He was b Hancock Co GA 4 Sept 1798 & lived there until 1823 when, w/ widowed mother moved to AL. Thus he was same age as JWG & they could have grown together since JWG lived there until at least 1808. Furthermore, may have been marital link b/n Gordon & Horton families thru JWG's bro Thomas III. [Cf Sorrel /Gordon/Sanford Notes, Part 4, pp 28-9, for evidence.] Horton moved to TX in 1834 & settled on 2200 acre plantation adjacent to town of Wharton. He also had

home in Matagorda (which still stands). He was 1 of commissioners who selected Austin as site of capital (1839); served in Convention which voted annexation to USA; elected Lt Gov 1 May 1846 & was acting Gov 7 mo while Gov fighting in Mexico. Thus he was at peak of his career, vast lands of his new state had to be settled, soil of his own Colorado River valley was particularly fertile & dirt cheap: one can imagine him making a proposal his old friend couldn't resist! He d in Matagorda 1865.

1845-47: JWG sold at least 196 acres (Lot 35, 6th Dist) & at least 637 acres (Lots 87 & 99, 6th Dist) prob in anticipation of coming move to TX.

6 July 1847 [Wharton Co, TX, Book A, p 165]: Indenture b/n Mary Jane Davis of Bourbon Co, KY, & JWG of GA "in consideration of the sum of $18,420...with interest...from 22 Sept 1846...land is situated E of & fronts upon Colorado River...It is situated below town of Egypt & is known as the Spanish Camp tract of land & it contains 1 league & 1 labor of 4605 acres..." [Text in Sorrel/Gordon Notes. Deal was struck just 9 mo after TX became state for exactly $4/acre!]

[In 1824, after settling 300 families in the Province of Texas, Stephen F. Austin received in return 22 1/2 leagues & 3 labors of land (abt 100,161 acres!) situated on Colorado, Bernardo & Brazos Rivers & Oyster & Chocolate Creeks from Mexican govt. On 1 Sept 1824 in town of San Felipe de Austin, Baron de Bastrop put "Empresario" Austin in possession of lands. "And said Stephen F. Austin, in evidence of finding himself in real & personal possession ...shouted aloud, pulled herbs, threw stones, set stakes & performed the other necessary ceremonies..." [Abstract of Title, Sorrel Plantation, p 2 (in Gordon File)] Austin apparently had partnership w/ Joseph H. Hawkins, who had d by 14 Jan 1833 when Austin transferred part of this land, including Spanish Camp, to Hawkins' heirs: Edmund St. John Hawkins of Brazoria, "a minor of 25 yrs & major of 21 yrs," who was present, & to agents for Mary Jane, Norborne B, Thomas & George Hawkins. [Abstract pp 4-8] By 6 July 1847 there were only 2 surviving heirs, Joseph T Hawkins & Mary Jane Davis, who split their inheritance, latter getting Spanish Camp. [Abstract p 9] That same day Mary Jane Davis completed sale of her land to JWG. [Abstract p 10]]

6 wks b/4 above sale (26 May 1847) PA Wray, husb of Sarah Jane Gordon, purchased 1018 1/2 acres "which lies immediately below & adjoining...Spanish Camp League...now of JW Gordon." [cf Wray note]

1847 Wharton Co Tax Roll lists John Kelly, agt for JW Gordon, w/ 4605 acres & 47 Negroes; total value $42,235.

JWG & family (except married daughters?) seem to have left Jones Co for new home in late 1847 or early 1848. House & land (2007 acres) on Commissioner's Creek sold to Thomas O Bowen of Jones Co for $8000 30 Oct 1848. [Copy of deed in Gordon file.] Bowen's title was "Congressman." After Civil War he gradually sold off land, reducing holdings to 500 acres. In 1881 sold property to his wife's sister's husb, James H Blount, who must have been relative of Martha Cook Sanford Gordon's mother, Marianne Blount. In article in Sunday Magazine, Macon Telegraph, 20 Oct 1929 [typescript copy in file], Mrs Blount conducted tour thru house, then called "Hale Nue," which was still show-

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place. Described how ground dropped away steeply from back yard to stream below (Commissioner's Creek?); directly in line from back porch straight road led to Macon. (House located "near Haddock.") When MWF found it in 1960s, it was derelict, occupied by squatters who threatened her w/ shotgun. It was rescued by Wm N Banks & his mother shortly after. They disassembled it & moved it to Newnan, GA. Photo on cover of Sept 1972 "Antiques" [copy in file] shows it has been restored to original beauty; also xerox of article (source) sent by Frank Sorrel.

Most of JWG's Jones Co land was included in deal w/ Congressman Bowen "reserving 1 acre at each grave yard on Lots 131 & 154." Lot 131 was part of the Commissioner Creek property. Lot 154 adjoined land at Fortville he had sold in July 1825 when he moved his home from there to Commissioner Creek. Mary Ann did not die until Oct 1825. His father & bro died b/4 he bought this property. Why would there have been private (family) graveyard there? Among those buried in one or the other of these were prob JWG's father & bro, his 1st two children Mary Ann & Thomas, & his mother's 2nd husb. [In 1969, MWF searched for these graveyards, quizzing several life-long residents residents of area, but found nothing. For her account, cf note #744, Thomas Gordon Jr.]

How did they travel from GA to TX? Entourage included JWG's large family, all their household possessions & perhaps slaves too. [Know he owned 35 back in 1821 & had 13 in household alone in 1840, so number prob large. Perhaps he sold them & bought others in TX. Fact he deeded same 20 slaves to RHD Sorrel in Jones Co in 1856 whom he had deeded to Bennett Bell in 1843 (cf their notes & Martha Gordon's) suggests he left slaves behind.] Most likely left Jones Co by rail. Georgia RR main line Augusta-Atlanta opened 1845 & ran right by JWGs house (cf above). Thus they could have reached Atlanta easily, but beyond there would have had to go by wagon. [Not even connection from Atlanta to Montgomery till 1853.] Central of Georgia Rway opened line Macon-Savannah 1843, so they could have reached seaport easily too. Seems more likely they did this, took ship around FL into Gulf, & prob sailed up Colorado River right to Wharton (river was navigable 200 mi up to Austin then).

In his novel "Texas," Michener tells how 2 fictional families left their SC & GA plantations, soil exhaused by cotton, & moved to TX in 1849-50 (pp 688-720). He describes caravan of 15 huge wagons carrying families & some slaves that went overland on "Cotton Trail" (map pp 688-9) Augusta-Atlanta-Montgomery, then across Mississippi at Vicksburg & on to Shreveport LA & new home in NE TX. This MAY have been way Gordons & Sanfords went, only cutting farther S across MS & LA to reach Gulf coast.

"Most of the men who came to Wharton Co & brought their slaves secured large holdings of land & inaugurated the old plantation system they had known [before]. This was the 'Golden Age' of plantations in TX. With [TX] Revolution over & Civil War in distant future, on the banks of the Colorado & Brazos the plantation system reached its height in TX." ["History of Wharton Co," K.O.Kettler, Huntsville TX, 1951, p 9; master's thesis in Wharton Co Library]

1848 Wharton Co Tax Roll: John Kelly, agt for JW Gordon: 4584 acres; 100

Negroes; total value of property $60,188. In 1849: 4600 acres; 101 Negroes; total value $59,585.

13 Mar 1849: JWG bought 2 young male slaves from Henry David Rhodes for $1143 [Matagorda Co Deed Book G, p 406]. This is odd coincidence. Rhodes' wife was Mary Brown Wicks, who would become Moye Wicks' aunt when he was born in 1855. 34 yrs aft this sale Moye m JWG's granddaugh Moxley Sorrel.

27 Oct 1849: JWG, still calling himself of Jones Co, GA, posted bond to become trustee for his bro-in-law Thos G Sanford's wife (cf Sarah B Jourdan #4833) in anticipation of her move to TX. [Document, copied into Wharton Co, TX, records in 1850, in file.]

1850 Census proves JWG maintained 2 separate homes: 1 in Matagorda (enum 11 Sept) & 1 in Wharton (enum 13-21 Sept). Household members same in both counts except Martha Bell (living next door w/ husb in Wharton) & Sarah Rutherford (not in Wharton). Other differences: JWG 53 & 53, value real estate $25,000 & $58,000; Martha C 49 & 50; Jesse S 20 & 20, farmer; John W 19 & 18, student; Camilla M 14 & 13, attended school; Martha Bell 24 & 25.

1850 Wharton Co Tax Roll: JWG (for 1st time w/o agt) owns 4605 acres worth $23,025 & 150 Negroes worth $60,000; also agent of "PA Ray" (husb of Sarah Jane Gordon) for add'l 1107 acres worth $5,535. County Slave Property list shows him owning 82 M, 80 F.

Thus number of slaves increased from 47 in 1847 to 100 in 1848 & 150 in 1850. Some he may have brought w/ him from GA (don't know exact no. he owned there in 1840s), but know he was also buying slaves in TX in 1849 (cf above note).

6,7,9 Mar 1850: buys 3 tracts in Kuykendall League of 1,456, 453 & 453 acres for $10,828, bringing his total land purchases to 6,967 acres--more than 10 sq mi. [Wharton Co Deed Book A, deeds 191-3]

Sept 1850: joins others in organizing Colorado Navigation Co to clear tangle of logs & improve navigation on River above & below Glen Flora.

1851 Wharton Co Tax Roll lists JWG w/ 3 parcels totalling 5791 acres & 150 Negroes w/ total value $104,279. Also had add'l 453 acres & 26 Negroes as agt for S[arah] Sanford, wife of Thos G Sanford. [This totals only 6244 acres; can't explain discrepancy.]

18 Nov 1852: Completes payment to "Mary Jane Victor late Mrs Davis & originally Miss Hawkins daugh of Joseph H Hawkins deceased" of Lexington KY [Abstract p 11; this also shows map of his land, divided into 4 Lots totalling 5087 acres, between Colorado River & Peach Creek]. Cf "Summary of Gordon/Sanford/Rives/ Sorrel Land Transactions" by JMF in Gordon/Sanford file. Color diagram shows all of JWG's land, not just that in above purchase, to which the Abstract is limited.

Map of land JWG Sr gave to JWG Jr (Wharton Co Deed Book F, p 290) shows "manor house" on bank of Peach Creek, about 500 yds down road to Wharton from hamlet of Spanish Camp. This is prob house JWG Sr built for his family

which is referred to as "Spanish Camp" in 1852-3 letters (cf Martha Sanford notes #710).

1852 Wharton Co Tax Roll: JW Gordon owned 5791 acres & 167 Negroes w/ total value of holdings $116,738.

26 Feb 1853: Letter from John WA Sanford Jr to "Dear Grandmother (Blount)" [JMF files]: "Uncle Gordon passed here [Montgomery, AL] on his way to GA a few days ago. He is in good health & fine spirits. From what I had heard, I was agreeable surprised to find him looking well; with the exception of his inability to ride on horseback, he has entirely recovered. [Nancy Lucas told JMF he might have lost a leg.] His stay in GA will be short for he expects to meet Aunt [Martha Sanford] in New Orleans (on her way from KY to TX) in a few days. They will carry with them Camilla, their youngest child [now abt 16-17], who has just completed her education at Lexington." [Martha & Camilla prob came down Ohio & Mississippi by steamer from Louisville, but how did JWG get from central GA to New Orleans "in a few days?" Know RR from Macon to Atlanta to Montgomery was open in 1853; perhaps beyond to New Orleans? From NO prob went to Wharton by sea. 1st RRs W of NO & W of Houston were started only in 1852.]

Wife Martha must already have been ill abt then for daughs wrote about taking her to NYC to see doctor who might cure her [cf her note]. 20 Oct 1853 she d "after a protracted illness, on the Colorado, Texas." ["Macon Messenger" 9 Nov 1853]

7 Jan 1854: 2 1/2 mo. aft wife's death, JWG completed survey of his lands in preparation for giving lots to his children, which he did 2 yrs later (see below). [Instrument: Plat & Field Notes dtd 7 June 1854, filed 4 Mar 1856, in JMF's files.] Note 2 yr lag b/n survey & filing, which was done after lands were transferred.

Letter 5 May 1854 from a Thos. Woodward to dau Martha Bell (copy in Gordon file) indicates JWG took her, her sis Camilla & a bro (prob JWG Jr) to a hot springs resort (Chalyleato?) near Little Rock, AR, for as long as 10 wks that spring, perhaps to recover blow of his wife's & Martha's husb's deaths. They had both died in Oct 1853. JWG & his family left resort for Little Rock, New Orleans & Montgomery, presumably to visit other dau, Sarah Jane Rives. This is example of luxury of time & speed of travel he & his family could now enjoy.

Late 1854: "Pa...had sold his house & lot in Matagorda to Dr Perry & was staying at...plantation. How lonely he must feel." [Letter from dau Martha Bell to sis Sarah Jane Rives 29 Jan 1855. Typescript in Gordon/Sanford file.]

1853-54 Wharton Co Tax Rolls: could not find JWG.

21 Dec 1854: Letter from JWA Sanford Jr to "Dear Grandmother Blount." "I heard that Uncle Gordon is expected here [Montgomery] next month..."

1855 Wharton Co Tax Roll: JWG owned 2 parcels of 4605 & 1146 acres & 123 Negroes; total value of holdings $123,905. This was last time he appeared in Wharton Co tax rolls until 1866.

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WIFE Sarah WHEELER?-745 Yr of Birth 1769

7 Jan 1856: "In consideration of the natural love & affection which I bear to my daughter, Martha E Sorrel, wife of RHD Sorrel of Sumpter Co, GA" JWG conveyed to her for $100 Lot 4 (1280 acres) + slaves (no?). For same consideration & $100, he conveyed to Jesse S Gordon Lot 3 (1315 acres) + 38 slaves; to "my daughter Camilla M Sanford, wife of Eugene M Sanford" Lot 1 (1195 acres) + 41 slaves; to his daughter Sarah Jane Rives Lot 2 (1297 acres) + slaves; & to his son John W Gordon Jr 1115 in the Kuykendall League + slaves. 3 days before (4 Jan) he sold 453 acres to bro-in-law Thomas G Sanford. [All in Wharton Co Deed Vol B]

Same day as above transactions Jesse Gordon, John W Gordon Jr, & Eugene & Camilla Sanford mortgaged all the land & slaves they had received back to their father to secure $3000 loans to each. [Abstract pp 12-14, map 11]

The above transactions totaled 6695 acres, accounting for all but 272 acres of the land JWG had purchased 1847-50. At this point he prob gave up residence in Wharton Co because he is not listed in 1856 Wharton Co Tax Rolls & did not appear in them again until 1866.

14 May 1856: Wharton Co Clerk of Court certified JWG "personally came" to his ofice to sign 9 Mar 1856 deed for 20 slaves to son-in-law RHD Sorrel. This is last definite evidence JWG was still in Wharton Co.

30 Sept 1856: JMF has record showing "dwelling house" of "Mr JWG" in Montgomery AL "was consumed by fire." [Possible that JWG had gone to live for time in Montgomery aft wife d in 1853, daughs Martha & Camilla m in late 1854, & he had divided much of his land earlier in 1856. This would have been logical b/c daugh Sarah Jane Rives lived there. Note his 2nd grandson Francis Sorrel was b in AL abt 1856-7 [1860 Census]. Might Martha have gone to father's or sis's home for delivery?]

15 Feb 1858: JWG witnesses sale of land by Wm Rives to RHD Sorrel in Wharton Co. He "personally came" to Co Clerk's office 4 Mar to attest legality of doc, but this was more likely JWG Jr.

No "JW Gordon," either Sr or Jr, listed in indexes of 1860 Censuses of TX, AL or GA. Fairly certain JWG Sr had left TX by this time, but for where? Quite likely was the "Jhn W. Gordan" on p 176 in 1860 Census of Montgomery, AL. There was a "Jno. W. Gordon" in Matagorda Co Tax Roll compiled 7 Sept 1861 for Lot 16, Block 5 in town of Matagorda valued at $1700. Was this the town house where JWG & family lived at time of 1850 Census? Know from letter (above) that JWG Sr sold that house in 1854 to "Dr Perry." Therefore most likely this was property of JWG Jr. Only other similar tax listing was in 1867 (cf below).

12 July 1861: JWG witnessed will of Nancy Parrish in Jones Co GA. Thus know he was back in old home town, but was he resident there? Or was he living in RHD & Martha Sorrel's home in Vineville? Mackall memoir of those living there 1863-5 doesn't mention him [cf RHD Sorrel note]. So nothing known of old man's whereabouts during Civil War (he was in 60s); certainly not in Army. Yet he may have been in Vineville b/c in late 1865 he was "of Bibb Co" [cf below].

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WIFE Sarah WHEELER?-745 Yr of Birth 1769

Wherever he was during War, one can visualize him at its end. He was 68 or older, GA had been laid waste by Sherman, whole South was devastated, his slaves were free, wealth he had accumulated over lifetime had dissipated. Yet he could still do something for his children. This reflected in his last land transaction in TX:

9 Dec 1865: JWG "Senr of Bibb Co, GA, for & in consideration of the love & affection I have & bear unto my son" JWG Jr of Wharton Co, gave him "life estate unto tract" on E bank of Colorado River out of Kuykendall League containing 1381 acres "without power of selling...or in any manner encumbering ...for the love & affection I have for Martha A Gordon, John W Gordon [III] & Frederick Clarence Gordon..." heirs of JWG Jr. Signed at Galveston. [Wharton Co Deed Book B, p 734] This is the same tract, slightly enlarged, that JWG Sr had given to JWG Jr in 1856 & which Jr had immediately mortgaged back to Sr.

From 1856 thru 1865 JWG Jr was taxed as land owner in Wharton Co. At first he had 1107 acres (his father had given him 1155 acres); from 1859-65 he had 1347 acres. In 1866 JWG SR re-appeared on Wharton Co Tax Rolls, owning 1370 acres, while JWG JR owned only horses & cattle. In 1867 they were listed together, with JWG Jr as "agent," owning 1347 acres. (Only JWG Jr paid poll tax these 2 yrs, suggesting JWG Sr was not resident of Wharton Co.) Note: total value of their property had fallen to $20,250 in 1866 & to $19,460 in 1867.

Possible explanation for all this: County considered JWG Jr owner of the land father gave him in 1856 altho it was mortgaged to JWG Sr all that time. Then, in Dec 1865, JWG Sr may have cancelled the mortgage by giving JWG Jr life estate on the land while at same time ensuring that it would not be lost thru Jr's financial ineptitude by denying him power to sell or encumber it. In view of this limitation, County may then have considered JWG Sr actual owner.

1867 Matagorda Co Tax Roll (dated 1 July & 16 Dec) lists "Jno. W. Gordon" with Lot 1, Block 5, valued at $500. This was same block but diff lot than one in 1861 list (cf above). Was this Sr or Jr?

1868 Wharton Co Tax Roll: "JW Gordon Jr for Estate of JW Gordon Sr;" 1387 acres worth only $4498.

Since JWG Sr identified himself as resident of Bibb Co in above 1865 deed, he prob returned to Vineville after divesting himself of last of his lands. Since RHD Sorrel's family was in their Vineville home 1866-69, JWG Sr prob lived with them. He died there in 1868.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-[illegible]

SARAH WHEELER ? [GORDON]

2nd marriage

Page [illegible]

HUSBAND [illegible]

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
MARR: Abt 1829 PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: [illegible] 1847 PLACE: ,Jones,GA
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE Sarah WHEELER?-194

BORN: Abt 1803 PLACE: ,,NC
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft 1850 PLACE: ,,GA
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

Has other marriage(s)

CHILDREN

1. NAME:
BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME:
BORN: PLACE:
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BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
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BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME:
BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

Relationship to:

Husband____________________

Wife____________________ Date prepared: 17 Jul 1999

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HUSBAND John RUTHERFORD-769

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Abt 1833 PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 8 Dec 1817 PLACE: ,Jones,GA
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE Sarah WHEELER?-745

BORN: Abt 1769 PLACE: ,,VA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft 1850 PLACE: ,,TX
BUR.: PLACE: has other marriage(s)
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
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3. NAME:
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MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
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Relationship to:

Husband______________________________

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HUSBAND John RUTHERFORD-769 Yr of Birth
WIFE Sarah WHEELER?-745 Yr of Birth 1769

HUSBAND - John RUTHERFORD-769

This second husband of Sarah Gordon was from Washington Co. GA. Frequent appearance of Rutherfords in "History of Newberry Co," often in association w/ Gordons, suggests he may have originally come from SC too.

Daniel Pratt built a house for him abt 1824 at Beckham's Mount, abt 2 mi from Milledgeville, GA. This is earliest house that can be confidently attributed to Pratt & now stands as Rutherford-Smith-Barman house in Midway, on outskirts of Milledgeville, where it was moved in 1859. ["History in Towns, Milledgeville, GA," Wm N Banks, Antiques, Aug 1992, xerox in file] Banks says Rutherford was "well to-do planter" & m to Sarah when house built. Cf mention of his affluence in Jesse Sanford note #749.

Address of this house: 402 Allen Memorial Drive SW; owned by Cecil L. Ogden. It stands on a little rise on broad grounds w/in ornate wrought iron fence. It is a stately white mansion w/ Doric columns fronting 2 story portico. [Photos in Gordon/Sanford file.] It orginally had ballroom & wide veranda, which were removed when it was moved. Here John W Gordon's eldest son Thomas died in 1837; here twice-widowed Sarah prob lived until her son moved his family to TX in 1846.

Cf Sorrel/Gordon/Sanford Notes, Part 4, p 22 for more details on this house.

Will dtd 8 Feb 1826 was probated 12 Mar 1833. "...After intermarriage with my present wife Sally, formerly Sally Gordon, then a widow, I made a deed to her son JWG to a square of land containing 202 1/2 acres lying in Jones Co...& took his obligation to return it to her at my death..." [Baldwin Co GA Will Book B, pp 28-31]

WIFE - Sarah WHEELER?-745

1850 Census Matagorda Co, TX, enumerated 9 Sept lists in household of John W Gordon: Sarah Rutherford, 81, b Virginia. This means she might have been 5 yrs older than her husb.

Surname is a guess based on middle name of her son. 1800 Census, Union Dist, SC lists only Wheeler in this & Newberry Cos: William Wheeler: 2 M<10, 1 M 26-45, 1 F 10-16, 1 F 26-45, 1 F >45. COULD THIS HAVE BEEN SARAH'S FAMILY? (There were no Wheelers in Union, Newberry or Spartanburgh Cos in 1790 Census.) However, Annals of Newberry, Vol 1, by J.B.O'Neall (xerox in Gordon/Sanford file) lists a large Wheeler family which stemmed from "George Wheeler, born in SC in 1759." There is no Sarah or Sally in this list.

Following death of husb Thomas, she m John Rutherford of Washington Co, GA [1st county S of Hancock, formed in 1784 from Indian lands] 16 Dec 1817. 4 days b/4 wedding she made division of estate of deceased husb:

[Jones Co Records, 10 Jan 1818] "Whereas on 12 Dec last, Sarah Gordon & John W. Gordon, widow & son of Thomas Gordon, Senr, deceased, of Jones Co....did proceed to make a division between themselves of all the property...belonging to Estate of said Deceased...Sarah Gordon conveyed to her son John...560 acres of land & 25 negroes...& John W Gordon conveyed to his mother...1 tract or square

HUSBAND John RUTHERFORD-769 Yr of Birth
WIFE Sarah WHEELER?-745 Yr of Birth 1769

of land & 8 negroes...as her portion of said Estate: & whereas some doubts may arise with regard to validity of aforesaid Deed of Gift from Sarah Gordon to John W Gordon: Know all men by these presents that I, John Rutherford...having since intermarried with...Sarah Gordon, do hereby relinquish all...my...claim ...to all & every part...of aforesaid...property...& do hereby further relinquish all my right...to whatever belonging to the aforesaid Estate except the household & kitchen furniture that I now have in possession & 80 Barrels of corn & 4 stacks of Blades which is yet to be delivered...10 Jan 1818." (signed) Jno Rutherford. Witnesses: James Booth, Thos Jefferson, JP. [MWF copied this entire document (in Gordon/Sanford file) & may have written five hundred sixty instead of five hundred six acres conveyed. Most likely was 506 acres, since that is how much JWG was taxed on in 1818.]

Assume she went to TX when son John moved his family there & prob d at Gordon home in Matagorda or on Plantation after Sept 1850. If so, she was prob buried in family cemetery on Plantation (cf note on RHD Sorrel for location, etc).

Other marriages:
Thomas GORDON Jr.-744 MRIN: 206

OTHER CHILDREN OF MAJ. THOS. GORDON

RUTH (m. SAMUEL OTTERSON)
BENJAMIN
JESSE
ELI

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1328

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HUSBAND Samuel OTTERSON-4762
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BORN:    1 Apr 1754         PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:   11 Sep 1837         PLACE: ,Greene,AL
BUR.:                       PLACE:
MARR:   Bef    1780         PLACE: Grassy Creek Ch.,Berkeley,SC
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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WIFE    Ruth GORDON-4518
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BORN:   Bef    1765         PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:   Bef    1837         PLACE:
BUR.:                       PLACE:
FATHER: Thomas GORDON Major-747                          PARENTS' MRIN: 208
MOTHER: Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748
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CHILDREN
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 1. NAME: Rebecca OTTERSON-4815
---- BORN:                    PLACE: ,Union,SC
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    1841        PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 2. NAME: Methana OTTERSON-4816
---- BORN:                    PLACE: ,Union,SC
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: Aft    1841        PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 3. NAME: Sidney OTTERSON-4817
---- BORN:                    PLACE: ,Union,SC
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 4. NAME: Mary OTTERSON-4818
---- BORN:  7 Feb 1786        PLACE: ,Union,SC
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:  6 Sep 1845        PLACE: ,Greene,AL
     BUR.:                    PLACE: Otterson Graveyd,Greene,AL
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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HUSBAND Samuel OTTERSON-4762                                                      Yr of Birth 1754
WIFE    Ruth GORDON-4518                                                          Yr of Birth 1765
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5. NAME: Cynthia OTTERSON-4819
---- BORN:  3 Oct 1787          PLACE: ,Union,SC
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: 28 Jun 1852          PLACE: ,Greene,AL
     BUR.:                      PLACE: Hebron Cemetery,Greene,AL
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 6. NAME: John OTTERSON-4820
---- BORN:                      PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: 21 Nov 1840          PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 7. NAME: James OTTERSON-4821
---- BORN:         1790         PLACE: ,,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 8. NAME: Samuel OTTERSON Jr.-4822
---- BORN:         1792         PLACE: ,Union,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 9. NAME: Thomas G. OTTERSON-4823
---- BORN:                      PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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10. NAME: Ruth OTTERSON-4824
---- BORN:                      PLACE:
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: 24 Oct 1843          PLACE: ,Greene,AL
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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HUSBAND Samuel OTTERSON-4762                                                                              Yr of Birth 1754
WIFE    Ruth GORDON-4518                                                                                  Yr of Birth 1765
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CHILDREN (continued)
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11.  NAME: Sarah OTTERSON-4825
---- BORN:                     PLACE:
 F   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: Bef    1837         PLACE:
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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12.  NAME: Nancy OTTERSON-4826
---- BORN:                     PLACE:
 F   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED:                     PLACE:
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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HUSBAND Samuel OTTERSON-4762 Yr of Birth 1754
WIFE Ruth GORDON-4518 Yr of Birth 1765

HUSBAND - Samuel OTTERSON-4762

B & d dates from Revolutionary War pension application, National Archives, S 25344 & S 32424, cited in GDS.

M. date est from est date of birth of 1st child (cf Ruth Gordon #4518).

"Maj Samuel Otterson was an elder in the Grassy Creek [Spring?] Church. He married Ruth Gordon, member of the same church. He served in the Revolutionary War as...captain of a company of militia." ["Newberry Co, SC, Historical & Genealogical," G.L.Summer, Newberry, 1950, p 342] Pension record says he was volunteer from commencement of war; served as lieutenant & major.

1790 Census Union Co, SC [per GDS]: Samuel Otterson; 2 M >16; 6 M <16; 9 F; 10 slaves. [This suggests another family living w/ them in 1790 b/c GDS lists only 3 sons & 4 daus born by 1790.]

22 Oct 1808: W/ Ely (sic) Gordon, made administrator of estate of father-in-law Maj Thomas Gordon.

Was still in Union Dist, SC, when bro-in-law Thomas Gordon Jr wrote him in July 1811.

Pension application (dated 1832) states he moved in 1824 to place near head of Trussell's Creek, a branch of Tombigbee River, in Greene Co, AL.

WIFE - Ruth GORDON-4518

B yr est from birth of 4th child in 1786 [per GDS]; i.e., 1st child prob b abt 1780. (Also know from incident below she was m at time British invaded SC in 1780-1.) Place in birth order not certain but prob was oldest. D date est from GDS. Did husb's will show she d b/4 him? She prob d in Greene Co, AL, where he did, but cannot prove this.

"Maj Samuel Otterson's wife knew where a keg of powder was hid, & learning that the Tories were coming to get it, she went in the night & blew it up. In the morning the Tories came & demanded it; she told them what she had done. They did not believe her, so they cut her dress off at the waist & drove her before them to show the powder. When they came to the place the evidence was sufficient as to the fate of the powder." ["History of Grindal Shoals," Rev. J.D.Bailey, 1921, quoted in GDS]

She bore 5 sons & 7 daughters; names in husb's note.

CHILD 1 - Rebecca OTTERSON-4815

She m _____ Wright. Applied for arrears on father's pension in 1841.

All info on Otterson issue from GDS

CHILD 2 - Methana OTTERSON-4816

She m Benjamin Johnson. Was living in Neshoba Co, MS, 6 Nov 1841 when Maj Otterson's children applied for arrears on his Revolutionary War pension.

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HUSBAND Samuel OTTERSON-4762 Yr of Birth 1754
WIFE Ruth GORDON-4518 Yr of Birth 1765

CHILD 3 - Sidney OTTERSON-4817

Benjamin Gordon

He m ______ Savage

CHILD 4 - Mary OTTERSON-4818

She m Henry Walker (1774-1856) of Lunenburg Co, VA. Both buried in Otterson Graveyard in Greene Co, AL. No other Otterson tombstones there, per GDS.

They had one son, Cephas R. Walker (1823-1882). His 1st wife was Mary E. Gordon, dau of Samuel Gordon & Annie G. Otterson. He had 2 other marriages, no children.

CHILD 5 - Cynthia OTTERSON-4819

She m Anthony Mayes (1782-1848). Children: 1. Lucinda Mayes, m Henry Walker; moved to Leake Co, MS. 2. Thomas N, b 1812; moved to Milam Co, TX. 3. Harvey H, moved to Leake Co, MS. 4. Albert Bradley, 1816-1892, moved to Greene Co, AL. 5. Ruth E, m Robt Beggs, moved to Leon Co, TX. 6. Daniel Gray, 1820-1894. 7. Elmira Jane, 1822-1851. 8. Sarah Ann, 1825-1849. 9. Mary Louise, 1827-1856. [6-9 all moved to Greene Co, AL] 10. James M, 1829-1871, moved to Leake Co, MS. 11. John K, 1831-1854, moved to Greene Co, AL. 12. Samuel O, moved to Leake Co, MS.

CHILD 6 - John OTTERSON-4820

He never m

CHILD 7 - James OTTERSON-4821

He never m

CHILD 8 - Samuel OTTERSON Jr.-4822

He was a physician. M. Narcissa McKie of Spartanburg, SC. Issue?

CHILD 9 - Thomas G. OTTERSON-4823

Prob m Sarah Savage since she is referred to as Sarah Otterson in her mother's will, 18 July 1822

CHILD 10 - Ruth OTTERSON-4824

Never m. Will recorded in Greene Co, AL

CHILD 11 - Sarah OTTERSON-4825

She m Amos Lay. Children: 1. Jessie Lay. 2. Mary Ann, m John Clinton. 3. Elizabeth, m Elisha Estes. 4. Sarah E, m John Flowers of MS. 5. Samuel O. 6. James M. 7. Thomas G, 1805-1863, m Nancy Gordon (1807-1886). 8. Vincent. 9. Judith I, m William Cook of MS.

CHILD 12 - Nancy OTTERSON-4826

She m Thomas M. Wolstenholme 26 April 1838 in Pickens Co, AL.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-[illegible]

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HUSBAND Benjamin GORDON-[illegible]

BORN: Abt 1700 PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Abt 1811 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: Abt 1767 PLACE: ,SC
FATHER: Thomas GORDON Major-[illegible] [illegible]
MOTHER: Elizabeth [illegible]

Benjamin Gordon

WIFE: Mary-[illegible]

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Abt 1803 PLACE: ,SC
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: [illegible] GORDON-[illegible]
-- BORN: 1768 PLACE: ,[illegible],SC
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME: Thomas GORDON-[illegible]
-- BORN: Abt 1769 PLACE: ,Union,SC
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME: Elizabeth GORDON-[illegible]
-- BORN: 1771 PLACE: ,Union,SC
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Abt 1830 PLACE: ,[illegible],GA
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME: John C. GORDON-[illegible]
-- BORN: 1775 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 8 Jun 1847 PLACE: ,[illegible]
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

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Address____________________

City____________________ Date prepared: [illegible]

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1329

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HUSBAND Benjamin GORDON-4519
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BORN:   Abt    1765         PLACE: ,Berkeley,SC
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:   Aft    1815         PLACE:
BUR.:                       PLACE:
MARR:   Abt    1787         PLACE: ,,SC
FATHER: Thomas GORDON Major-747                                               PARENTS' MRIN: 208
MOTHER: Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748
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WIFE    Mary-4763
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BORN:                       PLACE:
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:   Bef    1809         PLACE: ,,SC
BUR.:                       PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: John C. GORDON-4764
---- BORN:         1788        PLACE: ,Union,SC
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED:                     PLACE:
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Thomas GORDON-4765
---- BORN: Abt     1790        PLACE: ,Union,SC
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED:                     PLACE:
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Elizabeth GORDON-4766
---- BORN:         1793        PLACE: ,Union,SC
 F   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: Aft     1860        PLACE: ,Upson,GA
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: Jesse G. GORDON-4767
---- BORN:         1795        PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED:  6 Jun 1847         PLACE: ,Greene,AL
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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HUSBAND Benjamin GORDON-4519                                                                             Yr of Birth 1765
WIFE    Mary-4763                                                                                        Yr of Birth
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: William GORDON-4768
---- BORN: 22 Nov 1797           PLACE: ,Hancock,GA
 M   CHR.:                       PLACE:
     DIED:  7 Apr 1864           PLACE: ,Pickens,AL
     BUR.:                       PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                       PLACE:
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 6.  NAME: Ruth Rebecca GORDON-4769
---- BORN: Abt    1800           PLACE:
 F   CHR.:                       PLACE:
     DIED:                       PLACE:
     BUR.:                       PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                       PLACE:
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 7.  NAME: Samuel Otterson GORDON-4770
---- BORN:        1802           PLACE: ,Union,SC
 M   CHR.:                       PLACE:
     DIED:  2 Oct 1874           PLACE: ,Greene,AL
     BUR.:                       PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                       PLACE:
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 8.  NAME: Mary GORDON-4771
---- BORN:        1805           PLACE: ,Union,SC
 F   CHR.:                       PLACE:
     DIED:                       PLACE:
     BUR.:                       PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                       PLACE:
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HUSBAND Benjamin GORDON-4519 Yr of Birth 1765
WIFE Mary-4763 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - Benjamin GORDON-4519

Placed 2nd in birth order on guess that oldest son might have moved to GA b/4 1790 (& therefore not in 1790 Census of Maj Thomas Gordon's household); know he bought land in GA from father in 1795.

Married Mary _____ abt 1787 [GDS] 1st 4 children b in Union Dist, SC; 5th child in Hancock Co, GA, in 1797; 7th & 8th children back in Union Dist (1802 & 1805).

27 Nov 1795: Maj Thomas Gordon sold to Benjamin Gordon of Hancock, Co, GA, land in Hancock Co. 28 May 1796: Benjamin Gordon & wife Mary of Hancock Co, GA, sold land on Beaverdam Creek in Union Co, SC, being part of tract granted to Benjamin Gordon by Gov Charles Pinkney (of SC), 5 Sept 1791.

1800 Census, Newberry Dist, SC, pg 76 (same pg as Major Thomas & Eli Gordon): Benjamin Gorden (sic): 2 M <10, 2 M 10-16, 1 M 26-45, 2 F <10, 1 F 10-16, 1 F 26-45, 1 slave. This accounts for Benjamin, his wife, 4 known sons, 2 known daughs, & 1 more child.

22 Oct 1808: "...I give up my right of administration in the estate of my deceased father..." (signed) Benj. Gordon & Jesse Gordon. (Cf Thomas Sr's note for complete text.)

19 Nov 1811: acknowledged r'c't $60 as full legatees part of father's estate.

19 Jan 1809: Benjamin Gordon of Newberry Co, SC, sold land on Enoree River in Union Dist. (signed) Benjamin Gordon. No dower.

1 Nov 1815: Benjamin Gordon of Newberry Dist, SC, sold land in Newberry Dist he had purchased from Thomas Gary. (signed) Benjamin Gordon, Lucy Gordon

From above evidence can assume Benjamin & wife Mary moved to Hancock Co, GA, b/4 1795, then returned to Newberry Co, SC, b/4 1802. Mary d there b/4 1809, & Benjamin remarried Lucy _____ b/4 1815. That he had children by Lucy too indicated by will of son Jesse G. Gordon (25 Apr 1847) that names his "full" bros & sisters. GDS say 1815 deed may have been sale of land "before going to Tennessee," but no further info given on later life or on death.

WIFE - Mary-4763

CHILD 1 - John C. GORDON-4764

He married & had 5 children: John, Jesse, Sarah, Mary & Susan [GDS]

CHILD 2 - Thomas GORDON-4765

He married, had children, moved to Upson Co, GA [GDS]

CHILD 3 - Elizabeth GORDON-4766

She m. William Verdin (Veren), moved to Upson Co, GA, had 10 children.

CHILD 4 - Jesse G. GORDON-4767

Married 1) Elizabeth Stevens; no children. 2) Dorcas N. Means; no children.

HUSBAND Benjamin GORDON-4519 Yr of Birth 1765
WIFE Mary-4763 Yr of Birth

Will signed 25 Apr 1847 in Greene Co, AL, left all to wife Dorcas; after her death all to his full bros & sisters.

CHILD 5 - William GORDON-4768

M. Maria McCracken abt 1824. Children: 1. Robert, 1825-?; 2. Berry H, 1827-?; 3. Albert, 1829-?; 4. Zulpha, 1833-? [all these b in Union Co, SC]; 5. Martha, 1837-?; 6. James M, 1841-?; 7. Henry, 1843-?; 8. Elizabeth, 1846-? [all these b in AL].

5 Dec 1832: William Gordon of Union Dist, SC, & wife Maria sold land on Otterson's Creek, waters of Tyger River, Union Dist, SC, & moved to Pickens Co, AL.

1860 Census, Pickens Co, AL, showed William was hotel keeper, wife had died, Henry (17) & Elizabeth (15) were at home w/ him. Berry H, overseer, was prob managing plantation for his father.

All above from GDS.

CHILD 6 - Ruth Rebecca GORDON-4769

Married John C. Valentine. Children: Francis, Mary, Rebecca, Jesse Monroe.

CHILD 7 - Samuel Otterson GORDON-4770

He m. Ann Glenn Sims 23 Dec 1823. Children: 1. Harriett Lucinda, 1825-34; 2. William Patrick Henry, 1827-64; 3. Mary Elvira, 1830-57, m Cephas Walker, son of Henry & Mary Otterson Walker, d in Eutaw, AL; 4. Thompson Sims, 1832-34; 5. Benjamin Franklin, 1834-1906, d in Greene Co, AL [all these b in Union Dist, SC]; 6. Thomas Jefferson, 1837-1907, d in Tuscaloosa, AL; 7. Robert Wynne, 1839-62; 8. Elizabeth Jennie, 1841-84, m Cornelius M. Hutton; 9. Ann Sims, 1844-?, m John Alexander Harkness; 10. Samuel James, 1846-63 [all these b in Greene Co, AL]. All 5 of sons who reached adulthood fought in Confederate Army. D dates of 3 (William, Robert & Samuel suggest they died in service).

Moved to Greene Co, AL, abt 1836. Built & operated 1st hotel in Eutaw, AL (seat of Greene Co). Home built on road b/n Union & Clinton, AL, said to be in perfect preservation.

All above from GDS.

CHILD 8 - Mary GORDON-4771

M. Charles Whitlock; moved to DeKalb, Co, GA. Children: Elizabeth, Amanda, Gora(?)

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-[illegible]

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HUSBAND Jesse GORDON Jr.-[illegible]

BORN: 10 Feb 1787 PLACE: ,Greene,SC
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 13 Aug 1857 PLACE: ,Greene,AL
BUR.: PLACE: Mt. Hebron Cem., Greene,AL
MARR.: PLACE:
FATHER: Thomas GORDON Sr.-[illegible]
MOTHER: Elizabeth ATKINSON-[illegible]

Jesse Gordon

CHILDREN: [illegible]

WIFE: GORDON-[illegible]

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Jesse GORDON Jr.-[illegible]
M BORN: PLACE: ,SC
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE: ,[illegible],SC
SPOUSE:
MARR.: PLACE:

2. NAME: Thomas B. GORDON-[illegible]
M BORN: 11 Nov 18[illegible] PLACE: ,SC
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 3 Jan 18[illegible] PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE: Mt. Hebron Cem., Greene,AL
SPOUSE:
MARR.: PLACE:

3. NAME:
BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR.: PLACE:

4. NAME:
BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR.: PLACE:

Relationship to:

Husband: ____________________

Wife: ____________________

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HUSBAND Jesse GORDON Sr.-4516
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BORN:   26 Sep 1767          PLACE: ,Craven,SC
CHR.:                        PLACE:
DIED:   21 Aug 1853          PLACE: ,Greene,AL
BUR.:                        PLACE: Mt. Hebron Cem.,Greene,AL
MARR:                        PLACE:
FATHER: Thomas GORDON Major-747                                                    PARENTS' MRIN: 208
MOTHER: Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748
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WIFE    HARDY-4772
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BORN:                        PLACE:
CHR.:                        PLACE:
DIED:                        PLACE:
BUR.:                        PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Jesse GORDON Jr.-4773
---- BORN:                     PLACE: ,,SC
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED:                     PLACE:
     BUR.:                     PLACE: ,Union,SC
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Thomas H. GORDON-4774
---- BORN: 21 Feb 1804         PLACE: ,,SC
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED:  3 Apr 1830         PLACE:
     BUR.:                     PLACE: Mt. Hebron Cem.,Greene,AL
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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 3.  NAME:
---- BORN:                     PLACE:
     CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED:                     PLACE:
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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 4.  NAME:
---- BORN:                     PLACE:
     CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED:                     PLACE:
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HUSBAND Jesse GORDON Sr.-4516 Yr of Birth 1767
WIFE HARDY-4772 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - Jesse GORDON Sr.-4516

B, d dates, burial place all from GDS. Cf John Gordon note (#4743) for explanation of confusion among SC counties; i.e., how same land could be in Craven or Berkeley Cos.

1800 Census, Union Dist, SC, pg 232 (same pg as his uncle Govin Gordon): Jesse Gordan (sic): 1 M 26-46, 0 slaves. This accounts for Jesse alone. Apparently he did not m until aft 1800.

He m a Miss Hardy in SC.

18 Nov 1811: acknowledged r'c't $60 as full legatees part of father's estate [Newberry Co, SC, Estates; Box 8, Pkg 11, Newberry Co Library]

When he moved to Greene Co, AL, not known. He was there, age 83, in 1850 Census.

All info from GDS.

WIFE - HARDY-4772

CHILD 1 - Jesse GORDON Jr.-4773

Apparently d in childhood

CHILD 2 - Thomas H. GORDON-4774

He m. Caroline Tims 1 May 1824. Children: Daniel Covington, 1827-?; Olevia Caroline Hardy, 1829-48; Jefferson, 1808-61. Only last known to have been b in SC. Others not known.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD (SR)

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HUSBAND Eli GORDON Sr.-[illegible]

BORN: 25 Sep 1773 PLACE: Near Maybinton,Newberry,SC
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 27 Apr 1847 PLACE: ,Union,SC
BUR.: PLACE: Gordon Fam. Cem.,Union SC
MARR: [illegible] Feb 1795 PLACE: , SC
FATHER: Thomas GORDON Major-[illegible]
MOTHER: Elizabeth ANDERSON?-[illegible]

Eli Gordon

PARENTS' [illegible]

WIFE Rebecca CALDWELL-1773

BORN: 14 Apr 1774 PLACE: , SC
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 28 Sep 1814 PLACE: , SC
BUR.: PLACE: Gordon Fam. Cem. Union SC
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: John Caldwell GORDON-[illegible]
BORN: 27 Dec 1795 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 21 Nov 1858 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE: Gordon Fam. Cem.,Union,SC
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME: Thomas GORDON-[illegible]
BORN: 16 Feb 1799 PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 28 Nov 1843 PLACE: ,Columbia,SC
BUR.: PLACE: [illegible],Columbia,SC
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME: Valentine GORDON-[illegible]
BORN: 13 May 1802 PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 7 Aug 1832 PLACE: ,[illegible],AL
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME: Jackson GORDON-[illegible]
BORN: 15 Oct 1807 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 18 Dec 1885 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

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Husband____________________

Wife____________________ Date prepared: 17 Apr 1996

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HUSBAND Eli GORDON Sr.-4517
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BORN:   25 May 1772        PLACE: Near Maybinton,Newberry,SC
CHR.:                      PLACE:
DIED:   27 Apr 1847        PLACE: ,Union,SC
BUR.:                      PLACE: Gordon Fam. Cem.,Union,SC
MARR:    7 Feb 1793        PLACE: ,,SC
FATHER: Thomas GORDON Major-747                                                   PARENTS' MRIN: 208
MOTHER: Elizabeth ANDERSON?-748
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WIFE    Rebecca CALDWELL-4775
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BORN:   16 Apr 1775        PLACE: ,,SC
CHR.:                      PLACE:
DIED:   28 Sep 1854        PLACE: ,,SC
BUR.:                      PLACE: Gordon Fam. Cem.,Union,SC
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: John Caldwell GORDON-4776
---- BORN: 27 Oct 1796          PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: 31 Dec 1806          PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE: Gordon Fam. Cem.,Union,SC
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Thomas GORDON-4777
---- BORN: 30 Jun 1799          PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: 28 Mar 1862          PLACE: ,Chickasaw,MS
     BUR.:                      PLACE: OldProspect Meth,Chickasaw,MS
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Valentine GORDON-4778
---- BORN: 20 Mar 1802          PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:  2 Aug 1843          PLACE: ,Pickens,AL
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: Abraham GORDON-4779
---- BORN: 16 Oct 1804          PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: 19 Dec 1880          PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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HUSBAND Eli GORDON Sr.-4517                                                 Yr of Birth 1772
WIFE    Rebecca CALDWELL-4775                                               Yr of Birth 1775
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: Mary Caldwell GORDON-4780
---- BORN:  7 Jun 1807          PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: 29 Dec 1887          PLACE: ,Chickasaw,MS
     BUR.:                      PLACE: OldProspect Meth,Houston,MS
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 6.  NAME: Elizabeth GORDON-4781
---- BORN: 18 Jul 1810          PLACE: ,,SC
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:  2 Sep 1887          PLACE: ,Chickasaw,MS
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 7.  NAME: Eli GORDON Jr.-4782
---- BORN: 23 Jul 1814          PLACE: ,Newberry,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: 12 Aug 1884          PLACE: ,Chickasaw,MS
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 8.  NAME: Monroe GORDON-4783
---- BORN: 21 Nov 1817          PLACE: ,,SC
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED: 25 Aug 1825          PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE: Gordon Fam. Cem.,Union,SC
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 9.  NAME: Rebecca Ann GORDON-4784
---- BORN: 16 May 1820          PLACE: ,,SC
 F   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:  5 Sep 1892          PLACE: ,,SC
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
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     MARR:                      PLACE:
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HUSBAND Eli GORDON Sr.-4517 Yr of Birth 1772
WIFE Rebecca CALDWELL-4775 Yr of Birth 1775

HUSBAND - Eli GORDON Sr.-4517

B & d dates from tombstone. Gordon Family Cemetery is 6 mi SE of Whitmire, Union Co, on N bank of Enoree River on or near John Gordon's original royal grant. [Newberry Co, SC, Cemeteries, Vol 1, p 64]

1800 Census, Newberry Dist, SC, pg 76 (same pg as his father & bro Benjamin): Ely (sic) Gorden (sic): 1 M <10, 1 M 26-45, 1 F 16-26, 0 slaves. This accounts for him (age 28), his wife (age 25) & 1 of 2 sons thought to have been b by 1800.

He was a planter. Unlike his siblings, lived all his life near b place.

WIFE - Rebecca CALDWELL-4775

B. & d. dates from tombstone

CHILD 1 - John Caldwell GORDON-4776

B. & d. dates from tombstone

CHILD 2 - Thomas GORDON-4777

B, d dates & burial places of Thomas & all Eli's other children who reached maturity from GDS.

He m Nancy R. Mitchell (1805-1889) in SC. Children: 1. Mariah A.E.; 2. Margaret R; 3. William M; 4. James M; 5. Mary Frances; 6. Eli M; 7. Harriett C; 8. John K; 9. George W. [MWF says there was also a son Thomas J, b 1843]. 4 of the sons were in Confederate Army. George W. d of wounds in July 1864. Text of his letter after battle of Spotsylvania & of letter from Uncle Abraham Gordon (son of Eli, Sr) recounting his death in GDS.

Lived in Union Co, SC, until their children grown, then moved to Chickasaw Co, near Houston, MS, b/n 1857-8. Some of their sons went ahead & made preparations for their moving.

All info from GDS

CHILD 3 - Valentine GORDON-4778

B, d dates from GDS.

He m Nancy R. Hutcheson. Moved to Pickens Co, AL.

Children: 1. Mary Rebecca, 1827-34; 2. Frances Elvira, 1828-31; 3. Harvey Falconer, 1832-1915; 4. Harriet Reney, 1834-48; 5. John Eli, 1838-62; 6. William Valentine, 1842-62. Only 1 b place given: Harvey, in SC. D dates of 2 youngest sons suggest they may have died in Confederate Army, altho GDS does not so note.

All info from GDS

CHILD 4 - Abraham GORDON-4779

He m Cornelia Lyles of Newberry Co in Sept 1870. No issue. [All per GDS]

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HUSBAND Eli GORDON Sr.-4517 Yr of Birth 1772
WIFE Rebecca CALDWELL-4775 Yr of Birth 1775

CHILD 5 - Mary Caldwell GORDON-4780

She m John Edrington Lyles (1798-1879) 15 Feb 1825.

Children: 1. David William Lyles, 1826-?; 2. Ephraim O, 1828-63; 3. Davis Russell, 1831-?; 4. Emmariah T, 1833-?; 5. Frances Ann Elizabeth, 1835-99, m Thomas Farr; 6 & 7 (twins) John Ferman, 1837-55, & Rebecca, 1837-?; 8. Thomas Jefferson, 1839-? All b in SC. 2 sons known to have reached adulthood were in Confederate Army.

Mary & family moved to Chickasaw Co, MS, in 1846.

All info from GDS

CHILD 6 - Elizabeth GORDON-4781

She m Barnett Glenn Sims (1808-1842). Children: 1. Eli Lycurgus Sims, 1831-1865; 2. James R.J.Aristodese, 1834-1835; 3. Patrick Henry, 1836-1862; 4. Benjamin Gordon, 1839-1862; 5. L.M.Cornelia, 1842-?. 3 sons who reached adulthood were in Confederate Army; d dates indicate all died in service.

CHILD 7 - Eli GORDON Jr.-4782

He m Nancy Kenchelo Farr (1817-1889) in SC 18 April 1839. Moved from SC to Chickasaw Co, MS, in 1842. All children but 1st (& perhaps 2nd) were born in MS: 1. Julia Ann Rebecca, 1840-?; 2. Thomas Valentine, 1842-1932; 3. Baby, 1844; 4. Titus Green, 1848-1910; 5. Mary E. Sartor, 1852-1938; 6. Salena Emma, 1854-1906; John A. Pulaski, 1855-1943. Thomas was Confederate veteran.

At age 49, Eli enlisted in CSA after battle of Vicksburg (1863). Did not serve long due to disabilities.

All info from GDS

CHILD 8 - Monroe GORDON-4783

B. & d. dates from tombstone

CHILD 9 - Rebecca Ann GORDON-4784

She m John Valentine Lyles 9 Mar 1843. Children: 1. John L. Lyles, 1844-1880; 2. Taylor A, 1846-1855; 3. Mary Emma Rebecca, 1849-1930; 4. William V, 1851-1921; 5. Thomas J, 1854-54; 6. Abraham Gordon, 1856-1910; 7. Benjamin S, 1858-1897; 8. Reuben, 1862-1910; 9. Eliza Cornelia A.E, 1865-1922.

JESSE SANFORD

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HUSBAND Jesse SANFORD Captain-749
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BORN:    3 Jan 1764         PLACE: ,Loudoun,VA
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:   18 Feb 1827         PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
BUR.:                       PLACE: JesseSanford Cem,Milledgeville,GA
MARR:   Abt   1793          PLACE: ,Greene,GA
FATHER: William SANFORD III-3459                                                     PARENTS' MRIN: 997
MOTHER: Rachel MEDFORD-3460
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WIFE    Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750
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BORN:   Abt   1772          PLACE: ,Dinwiddie,VA
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:   23 Feb 1827         PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
BUR.:                       PLACE: JesseSanford Cem,Milledgeville,GA
FATHER: John MITCHELL-767                                                            PARENTS' MRIN: 212
MOTHER: Sarah THWEATT-768
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Mary G. SANFORD-753
---- BORN: Bef    1796        PLACE: ,Dinwiddie,VA
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: Bef    1850        PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Thomas MOUGHON-4828                                                     MRIN: 1337
     MARR:                    PLACE: ,,GA
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 2.  NAME: Elizabeth Taylor SANFORD-766
---- BORN:  4 Aug 1796        PLACE: ,,GA
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:  4 Jun 1858        PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Greene Hill JORDAN-4830                                                 MRIN: 1338
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: John William Augustus SANFORD General-754
---- BORN: 25 Aug 1798        PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: 12 Sep 1870        PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
     BUR.:                    PLACE: Memory Hill Cem.,Milledgeville,GA
     SPOUSE: Marianne Ridley BLOUNT-770                                              MRIN: 214
     MARR: 29 May 1822        PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: Martha Cook SANFORD-710
---- BORN: Abt    1800        PLACE: ,,GA
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: 20 Oct 1853        PLACE: Spanish Camp,Wharton,TX
     BUR.:                    PLACE: Sorrel Plant.,Wharton,TX
     SPOUSE: John Wheeler GORDON General-709                                         MRIN: 198
     MARR:        1817/1818   PLACE: ,,Ga?
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HUSBAND Jesse SANFORD Captain-749                                            Yr of Birth 1764
WIFE    Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750                                          Yr of Birth 1772
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5. NAME: Thomas Goodwyn SANFORD-751
---- BORN: Abt    1808         PLACE: ,,GA
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED:        1860         PLACE: ,Wharton,TX
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Sarah B. JOURDON-4833                                        MRIN: 1340
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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 6. NAME: Emily Epps SANFORD-755
---- BORN:  1 Apr 1807         PLACE: ,,GA
 F   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: 12 May 1889         PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Benjamin Smith JORDAN Colonel-4832                           MRIN: 1339
     MARR:  8 Aug 1823         PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
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 7. NAME: Adolphus M. SANFORD-752
---- BORN:  2 May 1811         PLACE: ,,GA
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: 11 Apr 1860         PLACE:
     BUR.:                     PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Sophia WALTON-4834                                           MRIN: 1341
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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 8. NAME: Camilla Dorinda SANFORD-756
---- BORN: Abt    1815         PLACE:
 F   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: 11 Nov 1869         PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
     BUR.:                     PLACE:                                     has other marriage(s)
     SPOUSE: William Luther BUNKLEY-772                                   MRIN: 216
     MARR: 10 May 1829         PLACE: Gray,Jones,GA
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HUSBAND	Jesse SANFORD Captain-749	Yr of Birth 1764
WIFE	Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750	Yr of Birth 1772

HUSBAND - Jesse SANFORD Captain-749

B date: Sanford family Bible. D date also? (from JMF)

From son John W A Sanford's Memorandum Book in DAR Library [at Montgomery, AL?] quoted by JMF: Served as Lieut in Revolutionary War; w/ Washington's Army at Yorktown at surrender of Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781. "After war he migrated to State of GA & settled in Hancock Co, in that part now included in Baldwin... [He] was Virginian by birth. His education was good for the period in which he was reared. He was engineer by profession but never followed the calling...He was farmer & planter & accumulated large fortune. Indeed, at time of his death he was wealthiest man in middle & upper GA. He is represented to have been tall & remarkably handsome. His complexion was that of a brunette --his eyes were hazel & his hair was of dark chestnut color. In his manners he was very courtly, affable in his social intercourse. He rarely laughed. His conversation was fine, but he did not a talk great deal. He had an imperious will & tolerated no opposition. He was always in earnest. This gave him an austere manner. Even in his family he was reserved & never dandled his children, although he delighted in hearing them talk."

MWF's membership in DAR (#556891, submitted 1972) based on descent from Jesse Sanford. Only documentation is "Information supplied by Mrs Geraldine Gerald Bush, #389161." However, latter bases her membership on descent from William Sanford, Jesse's father (cf his note #3459). SEARCH OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE RECORDS & PENSION APPLICATIONS BY JGF 13 MAR 1993 SHOWED ONLY 1 JESSE SANFORD -- FROM AVON, CT!

If Jesse was really a Lieut at Yorktown, he would have been only 19. May well have gone to GA after war ended (1783) b/c settlers were already flooding into area b/n Savannah & Oconee Rivers. 1st proof of his residence there 5 July 1794 (age 30), when his "Brand JS--his mark a crop in the left ear & a swallow fork in the right ear of all stock" was registered in Hancock Co Deed Book AB, p 16.

Going by est b date of 1st child (2 yrs b/4 2nd child b in Aug 1796), he was prob m abt 1793. Letter from Anna Bell Sanford Ham (Mrs Lamar Ham) of Milledgeville to Tom C. Rives 27 Feb 1939 [in JMF files]: "Jesse Sanford married Martha Goodwyn Mitchell in Greene (now Baldwin) Co...Her family objected because he was at that time a poor man, & he rode up to her house on horseback & she got on behind him & they eloped. I have heard my grandfather tell this & also Gen J.W.A. of Montgomery."

Genealogists' Handybook says "triangular small NE corner of Baldwin Co" was originally part of Greene Co. This would be part of Baldwin Co E of Oconee River opposite Milledgeville, which was not not laid out until 1804. Hancock Co (formed out of Greene Co in 1793) borders Baldwin on NE, the Oconee here being the border. Land on W side of Oconee was Indian territory until Baldwin Co was laid out, but much of the land Jesse bought in Hancock Co (cf below) was on the Oconee in this area. Thus, altho Jesse became associated with Milledgeville, prob soon after it was founded, his residence may have been in Hancock Co. Location of his burial ground (cf below) supports this.

4 Nov 1797 he bought Lot 11 in town of Sparta for $100, it extended "105 ft in front & 210 ft back...being the same whereon said Sanford now lives." [Hancock Co Deed Book AB, p 478] Thus he was living in town at age 33 -- not farming?

Shortly aft that, he started buying large tracts of land in Hancock Co. Where did he, who had been so poor when he married, get all this cash?

12 Nov 1799: for $1000, 140 acres on Oconee River with house(s) & an orchard on it. Was this when he moved near the future Milledgeville? [Hancock Co Deed Book E, p 302] 6 Jan 1800: for $500, 100 acres on Oconee [ibid, p 299]. 8 Dec 1800: for $1500, 287 1/2 acres on Buffalo Creek (in S of county) from Thomas & Nancy (Ann) Mitchell of Hancock Co [wife's uncle; cf Thos Mitchell #6491 & Martha Mitchell #750] [ibid, p 300] Abutters were 2 more of Martha's uncles, Henry Mitchell #6492 & James Thweatt #6486. 20 April 1803: for $2000, 287 1/2 acres on Island Creek (waters of the Oconee River). [Island Creek, now partially flooded by dammed Oconee, flowed in this river due N of Milledgeville not far from Jesse Sanford Cemetery.] [Deed Book F, p 294]

7 June 1803: Jesse Sanford of Hancock Co pays $1400 to Matthew & Wm Kichen for 7 slaves: Dick, Moses, Ned, Allan, Abraham, Jenny & Beck. [ibid, p 295].

13 June 1805: he paid Benjamin Sanford $794.50 for all accounts, claims, etc. [Thus he did have to borrow, but apparently not much. I cannot identify this Benjamin. Perhaps member of another Sanford family?]

14 Dec 1818: sold for $1500 287 1/2 acres on Buffalo Creek (same land he had purchased in 1800). [Deed Book M, p 86] Check of deeds thru 1821 showed no more Jesse deals, therefore this was prob last one in Hancock Co. [CANNOT DOCUMENT ANY LAND TRANSACTIONS IN BALDWIN CO b/c ALL RECORDS b/4 1861 DESTROYED BY FIRE IN 1870s.]

1812-19: As adminstrator of estate of William Sanford Sr dec'd (his father), Jesse made annual returns [Baldwin Co Minute Book 1812-19, p 94]

He may have been "a poor man" in abt 1793, but when he d 34 yrs later he was quite wealthy (cf will below). He prob did this raising cotton & he may have obtained some of his land thru GA land lotteries held in 1803 & 06. Sometime b/n 1804 when Milledgeville was laid out, & 1818, when he drafted his will, he moved there. However, as noted above, he may not have lived in town itself. Will identified him as "of Milledgeville," but refers to "the plantation where I now live." Abt 1824, when Jesse was 60, John Marlor, an English carpenter who was a master of Federal style, built a spacious mansion which still stands, now known as Brown-Sanford house. [It was moved across town to Hancock St in 1966 to avoid demolition. "History in Towns, Milledgeville," Wm N Banks, Antiques, Aug 1992, p 234] W/o land records do not know if Jesse had house built. In any case, this & mansion son John W.A. built for his new wife (cf note #754) are evidence of his family's affluence.

"Like all frontier communities, Baldwin Co in this period had a greater per centage of residents under 18 yrs old than did the state as a whole, & the number of males was large. Almost all of its farmers were small landowners, & collectively they owned few slaves. However, the size of the average holding...

HUSBAND Jesse SANFORD Captain-749 Yr of Birth 1764
WIFE Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750 Yr of Birth 1772

increased with the growing concentration of land ownership. John Rutherford...Thomas Moughon & Jesse Sanford were among the larger slave holders in 1820; their holdings averaged 64...Perhaps the most impressive of these was Jesse Sanford, who at the time of his death in 1827 possessed 25 domestic servants & 228 field hands distributed among 6 plantations. His personal wealth included fine mahogany furniture, silver plate & cut glass decanters." "Milledgeville, Georgia's Antebellum Capital," Bonner, JC, Athens, Univ of GA Press, 1978, p 36.

Will, dated 14 July 1818; probated 5 Mar 1827: left wife Martha G. Sanford $2000 cash, 4 negroes, loan of plantation for her life, then to be divided among children; left son John W A land in Laurens Co (2nd county S of Baldwin) & Lot 1 in Milledgeville; left son Thomas G plantation "in Putnam Co, near Garners Ferry on Oconee" (1st county N of Baldwin) & lot in Milledgeville; left son Adolph M. his part of lands owned jointly with his (Jesse's) bro William & lot on Wayne St in Milledgeville "which my mother & I purchased...;" left 3 sons-in-law, Thomas Moughon, who m Mary G, Green H Jordan, who m Elizabeth, & John W Gordon, who m Martha, $5000 apiece; left "little daus" Emily & Camilla $10,000 apiece; left granddau Maria Sanford Moughon lot in Sparta (Hancock Co) & negro girl; left grandson Jesse John Jordan 1 negro girl; left "1st issue of Martha Gordon" 1 negro girl. Executors: bro William Sanford, Thomas Moughon. [Baldwin Co Will Book A, 1806-32, p 270] Thus, in addition to 4 farms in 3 counties, 4 lots in 2 towns & 7 slaves, he left $37,000 in cash!

Directions to Jesse Sanford Burial Ground: Leave Milledgeville on Rt 22 east. Abt mile after crossing Oconee, take Lake Laurel Rd on left. Follow to fork, where Ingram Rd goes off to left. Continue on Laurel (right fork) to Gumm Cemetery Rd on left. Follow this N, crossing RR tracks at Shiloh Ranch Rd. Abt 1 mi past RR tracks, 1st road on left is unmarked (on map, North Ingram Rd) & red clay. Go down this winding road 0.7 mi to another clay road branching off to left. (There are couple of tracks into woods b/4 that; this is definite road.) Park here & walk 150 ft further along main road. Grave yard on left, abt yard off road, surrounded by trees & brush. Within crumbling stone wall are tombstones of Jesse, his wife Martha, & his father William Sen.

Graveyard is on high ground overlooking Oconee, altho forest so dense river can't be seen. Quite likely this was land he purchased on Island Creek in 1803 & "the plantation where I now live" mentioned in his will. This would have been a healthy place to live, far above "miasmas" rising from the river.

WIFE - Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750

B date: B/n 1771 & 1773. "Tradition claims Martha was only child of John Mitchell of Dinwiddie Co, VA, by his 1st wife." [Nancy Lucas to JMF]

JMF lists 9 half-bro & sis: Thomas (m Mary "Polly" Wood, 1785-1858); John (m Elizabeth Wood); James (m Elizabeth Jourdan); William (m Martha Hill); Augustus Cadwell (m Elizabeth Hill); Uriah G (m Mary Hogan); Elizabeth, 1790-1841 (m Henry Blake); Henry (m Sophia Hill); Julius C B, 1795-1848 (m Katherine Daniel) [source: Nancy Lucas] EW Smith p 107 (cf James Thweatt #1348 for citation) says Thomas & John came to GA abt 1784-5 w/ their father.

Account of her elopement & sale of land in Hancock Co, GA, by uncle Thomas

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[cf Jesse Sanford #749] indicates her family migrated south to GA sometime before or early in 1790s. This was common pattern among Virginians; e.g., Jesse Sanford from Loudoun Co, Jennings family from Nottoway Co (just W of Dinwiddie). Note her father & mother both d in Hancock Co, GA.

D intestate at abt age 55, 5 d after husb, which suggests either epidemic or common disaster. Son-in-law Thomas Moughan named administrator of her estate 7 May 1827 [Baldwin Co Minute Book, 1819, p 184]

Burial: cf husb's note

She was the 1st Martha of a chain that extends from the 18th into the 20th centuries. Her daugh Martha Cook m. John W. Gordon. Their daugh Martha Elizabeth m. R.H.D. Sorrel. Then, aft 3-generation gap, came Martha Elizabeth Gordon's great-great granddaugh, Martha Gordon Freymann.

CHILD 1 - Mary G. SANFORD-753

JMF give b place Dinwiddie Co, VA. This seems unlikely if mother's family had moved to GA & parents were m in GA. [Cf notes #749 & 750]

Names & b order of her children from JMF

CHILD 2 - Elizabeth Taylor SANFORD-766

Names & b dates of her children from JMF

CHILD 3 - John William Augustus SANFORD General-754

B date from gravestone, variously interpreted by MWF as 25,27,28, or 29 Aug
D date similarly confused: 9,12, or 14 Sept. Age given 72 yrs, 13 or 18 d.

Spacious mansion (Sanford-Powell-Binion-Mara House), built abt 1825, which still stands in Milledgeville, was catty-corner from Blount-Parks-Mara House, built abt 1818, which now stands behind the Sanford House. This may have been built for him at abt time of his marriage but may have been built by his father [cf father Jesse's note #749].

EW Smith p 137 [cf James Thweatt #4850 for citation] says he attended Yale College. Was aide-de-camp to Gen Floyd in controversy b/n him & Pres JQ Adams in 1827. (I don't know what this was.)

"In 1831 he was agent at Scudder's Cherokee Frontier, appointed under act to provide for temporary disposal of improvement & possessions purchased from Cherokee Indians & others permitted to live there." [MWF letter 15 May 1969 in JMF files] [This refers to consequences of acts passed by GA legislature b/n 1828 & 1830 which extended GA state jurisdiction over lands which, under Holston Treaty of 1791, had been guaranteed to Cherokee Nation. GA legislature directed these lands be distributed to whites by lottery. Encyclopedia Americana, vol 6, pp 415-8]

Elected major-general by GA Legislature & commanded GA troops in Creek War of 1836. Was later Secy of State of GA. [EW Smith, p 137]

1850 Census, Baldwin Co, GA: John WA Sanford, 50, farmer; Marianne, 46; John

WA, 23, Eugene M, 16, Theodore, 14; all b GA

He served in Co H, 4th GA Infantry, CSA, per tombstone. [A former general serving in an infantry company? At age 61 when war began, he would have been unusually old for military service anyway. Note son Theodore Gordon Sanford #4876 served in same company. Did MWF confuse them?]

Mary R. (Mrs. Robert) Sanford was admistratrix of his estate, 29 Dec 1870. [Baldwin Co Minute Book 1852-70, p 542] Relationship?

CHILD 4 - Martha Cook SANFORD-710

B date est from ages in 1850 Census (49 & 50).

Will of grandfather Jesse Sanford dtd 14 July 1818 provided that 1 slave be given "to the 1st issue of Martha C Gordon." This sets her m date b/4 July 1818 (age not more than 18), & shows she had not borne child by then (altho she could have been pregnant). Mary Ann was b 20 June 1819 & therefore most likely was her 1st child.

20 May 1852 [letter from Martha Bell in Wharton Co TX to sis Sarah Rives in Montgomery AL, in JMF files]: "Ma" is very feeble & "will probably not live through the summer--going to Spanish Camp to be under Dr Stanchfield." ["Spanish Camp" was name of property JWG bought in 1847, so this could refer to Gordon Plantation. Other letters dated "Spanish Camp" (cf below) confirm this likelihood. Spanish Camp is also name of what was then & is now (1994) tiny hamlet across road from where Gordon house was prob located. Exact location of "Manor House" on Gordon land known from 1883-4 map in Wharton Co Deed Vol F, p 290, but not known when it was built.] Wording of this letter suggests they were planning to move from another house in Wharton Co or their house in in Matagorda to a location near where Dr Stanchfield lived--perhaps town of Wharton? Move from Matagorda more likely since known they owned this house until late 1854 [cf another letter from Martha to Sarah Jane in JW Gordon Sr #709 note].

26 Feb 1853 [letter from JWA Sanford Jr to grandmother Mary Blount]: refers to JWG meeting "Aunt" (Martha Sanford Gordon) & daugh Camilla in New Orleans on way to TX. Martha was accompanying Camilla following latter's completion of education in Lexington KY. [Presumably they were coming down Ohio & Mississippi by steamer. Obviously Martha had not only survived but was able to make long journey.]

Aug 1853 [letter from Camilla dated "Spanish Camp" to Sarah Rives in Montgomery]: "Sister Martha & I are so closely confined to nursing our dear sick Mother who has been confined ever since you & Dr [Rives] left. Ma was brought up to the Camp to be nearer Dr Stanchfield. You know she has more confidence in him than any other physician in TX. Dr S--indeed, all of us, are very anxious for Ma to go to Dr Homes of Mississippi or Gilbert of New York, it will be a great while before she can stand the fatigue of traveling. We do not see any decided improvement yet, but hope we will soon. Dr Stanchfield has but very litte hope of Ma's ever getting any better that her disease is a very bad one & but few ever get well of it but we hope that she will be one of the few. Sister Martha, Brother John & I will go with Ma travelling. Papa will go as

far as New Orleans with us, will go farther if he can possibly."

[Martha had a chronic disease characterized by remissions & relapses. She was feeble & near death May 1852; 8 mo later she was strong enough for long trip; 6 mo after that she was near death again & d 2 mo later. TB could do this, but "consumption" was so common Camilla prob wouldn't be so oblique in referring to it. Travelling to distant specialists also suggests it was not common affliction. Doubt breast or cervical cancer, 2 common diseases then, would run course like this. I wonder if she had low-grade but ultimately fatal disease such as chronic brucellosis.]

21 Aug 1853 [letter from Martha Bell at Spanish Camp to Sarah Rives]: mentions mother's continued ill health. Say she "was baptised & partook of the Lord's supper." [Rector of Episcopal Church in Wharton (founded 1859) thought these last rights would most likely have been administered by priest from Christ Church, Matagorda, oldest Episcopal church in TX (1839). Search of records by current Vicar of latter in 1993 found "no records of the names Sorrel or Gordon."]

20 Oct 1853: "Died...after protracted illness, on the Colorado, Texas, Mrs Martha C Gordon, consort of Gen John W Gordon, formerly of Jones Co..." [Macon Messenger, 9 Nov 1853.]

She was prob buried in family plot on Plantation, altho not mentioned in letter listing those known to have been buried there (cf RHD Sorrel 474 note).

CHILD 5 - Thomas Goodwyn SANFORD-751

B dates: his, wife's & children all est from 1850 Census. 1860 Mortality List (cf below) gave age 52.

He took has family to TX abt same time John W Gordon bought land there. Cf JW Gordon (709) & son Benjamin's note (4865) for details.

1850 TX Census, Wharton Co, enum 21 Sept: Thos G Sanford, 45, farmer, val real estate $4890; Sarah B, 41; BJ, 20, M, "law;" Wm J, 18, farmer; Jas H, 14; Gorden (sic) M, 7; all b GA.

Wharton Co Tax Rolls 1853-60: Thos G Sanford listed as owner of 453 acres; no. of Negroes incr from 27 to 42 & total value of property to $37,785. This was apparently same land JW Gordon Sr held as agent for Thos' wife in 1851 & by Thos' for her in 1852 [cf her note 4833]. Gordon had purchased this (Tract #6 in Kuykendall League) in 1850 [Wharton Co Deed Book A, pg 186].

4 Jan 1856: JW Gordon Sr sold 453 acre Tract #6 in Kuykendall League to Thos G Sanford for $2500 [Wharton Co Deed Book B, p 132]. Cannot explain why land Sanfords had held & paid tax on since 1851 was not sold to them until 1856. Perhaps this sale only formalized property transfer that occurred in 1851.

Thos Sanford started paying poll tax (50 cents; later incr to $1) in 1852. In 1854 started paying $2-$3/yr (no one else paid this much), which prob indicates when his sons arrived in TX.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1342

HUSBAND William A. SANFORD-4837

BORN: 7 May 1777 PLACE: ,,VA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 12 Dec 1862 PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
BUR.: PLACE: Wm.Sanford Cem.,Milledgeville,GA
MARR: 24 Aug 1826 PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
FATHER: William SANFORD III-3459 PARENTS' MRIN: 997
MOTHER: Rachel MEDFORD-3460

WIFE Elizabeth HALL-4842

BORN: 7 Feb 1784 PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 20 Dec 1860 PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
BUR.: PLACE: Wm.Sanford Cem.,Milledgeville,GA
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

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CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME:
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CHR.: PLACE:
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3. NAME:
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4. NAME:
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Relationship to:

Husband______________________________

Wife______________________________ Date prepared: 17 Jul 1998

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1342
DOCUMENTATION

HUSBAND William A. SANFORD-4837 Yr of Birth 1777
WIFE Elizabeth HALL-4842 Yr of Birth 1784

HUSBAND - William A. SANFORD-4837

B & d dates from tombstone. M date: Baldwin Co Marriage Records, 1806-?, p 63.

1806 Hancock Co Tax Digest, Capt Barnes' Division, p 229: William Sanford owned 7 Negroes & 202 1/2 acres on Rudy Creek & 202 1/2 acres on Parmeter Creek, both in Hancock Co. There were 2 William Sanfords in this same Digest. Cf father's note #3459 for reason this entry placed here.

Thus we have evidence all or most of Wm Sanford III's family migrated to Hancock Co & farmed there for many yrs b/4 moving W to Baldwin Co.

Route to his grave: Go N on US 441 thru Milledgeville "strip." Abt 1 1/2 mi before highway crosses Oconee River/Lake, Merriweather Rd is on left. (Corral Rd on right.) Follow Merriweather to 1st right, Stewart Drive. Follow this abt 1 mi to fork. Go right on Pine Cone Rd abt 3/4 mi to 3-way fork. Take right-most, Pennington Rd, abt 1/2 mi to Penny Lane on left. 20 ft granite shaft of monument in patch of overgrown woods past 1st house on right on Penny Lane. He was 85 yrs, 7 mo, 5 d; she was 76 yrs, 10 mo, 13 d.

Neighbor says his plantation extended from Oconee River N of here to what is now Baldwin Memorial Gardens on US 441 some distance to S.

Will dated 12 Dec 1861 in Baldwin Co Will Book B, p 342. Jeremiah Beall executor. Did not look up.

WIFE - Elizabeth HALL-4842

B & d dates from tombstone.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD [illegible]

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HUSBAND Frederick SANFORD-[illegible]

Frederick Sanford

BORN: [illegible] PLACE: ,[illegible]
CHR.: PLACE:
MARR: [illegible] PLACE: ,[illegible]
DIED: PLACE:
BURI: [illegible] PLACE: ,[illegible]
FATHER: William SANFORD-[illegible] PARENTS' MRIN: [illegible]
MOTHER: Rachel [illegible]

WIFE: Mary E. [illegible]

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FATHER:
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CHILDREN

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Relationship to:

Husband ______________________

Wife ______________________ Date prepared: [illegible]

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1343

HUSBAND Frederick SANFORD-4840

BORN: May 1788 PLACE: ,Westmoreland,VA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Abt 1822 PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 12 Dec 1812 PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
FATHER: William SANFORD III-3459 PARENTS' MRIN: 997
MOTHER: Rachel MEDFORD-3460

WIFE Mary S. STANTON-4843

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

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Relationship to:

Husband____________________________

Wife____________________________

Date prepared: 17 Nov 1997

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1343
DOCUMENTATION

HUSBAND Frederick SANFORD-4840 Yr of Birth 1788
WIFE Mary S. STANTON-4843 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - Frederick SANFORD-4840

All info on him & spouse: MWF notes of 7 May 1969 in file. M. date confirmed in Baldwin Co Marriage Records, 1806-?.

WIFE - Mary S. STANTON-4843

PARENTS OF MARIANNE RIDLEY BLOUNT

(WIFE OF JOHN W. A. SANFORD)

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD-996

HUSBAND Richard Augustus BLOUNT Colonel-3457

BORN: 1 Aug 1777 PLACE: ,,VA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 23 Mar 1853 PLACE: ,Southampton,VA
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 24 Feb 1800 PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE Mary Edmunds DAWSON-3458

BORN: 22 Aug 1780 PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 22 Jun 1862 PLACE: ,Southampton,VA
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Marianne Ridley BLOUNT-770
---- BORN: 18 Apr 1802 PLACE: ,Southampton,VA
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 6 Aug 1879 PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
BUR.: PLACE: Memory Hill Cem.,Milledgeville,GA
SPOUSE: John William Augustus SANFORD General-754 MRIN: 214
MARR: 29 May 1822 PLACE:

2. NAME:
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CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
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Relationship to:

Husband____________________________

Wife____________________________

Date prepared: 17 Jul 1998

HUSBAND Richard Augustus BLOUNT Colonel-3457 Yr of Birth 1777
WIFE Mary Edmunds DAWSON-3458 Yr of Birth 1780

HUSBAND - Richard Augustus BLOUNT Colonel-3457

Southampton Co is in SE VA, on NC border abt 40 mi W of Norfolk. Dau Marianne was b here & both Col Blount (source of military rank unknown) & wife d here, per JMF. They migrated south, as so many other Virginians did, and took their dau to GA at age 1; i.e, abt 1804 (cf her note #770).

1806 Hancock Co Tax Digest, p 111: Richard A. Blount owned 45 Negroes & 3 properties adjoing Rives & Lewis in Hancock Co. One of these contained 300 2nd quality & 240 3rd quality acres on an Ogeechee waterway. NOTE abuttor Rives. Was this an ancestor of Wm Henry Rives (#717), husb of Sarah Jane Gordon, who was born in AL (or VA?) in 1816?

Blount was only 29 at this time, yet he owned a lot of land. Was this b/4, or at same time he lived in Washington Co? Or, like so many others, did he start out as a farmer in Hancock Co & end up an aristocrat in Milledgeville?

EW Smith [cf James Thweatt #4850 for citation], who gives his b date, says he was man of high education & much respected who lived in Lebanon, Washington Co, GA. (Washington adjoins Hancock & Baldwin Cos on S.) He was appt 1 of Commissioners to superintend running borderline b/n GA & new state of AL.

He assigned slaves to his dau Marianne, wife of JWA Sanford Sr, on his death 23 March 1853 (not clear if that was death date or date of assignment). Since she was in GA, most likely her parents were too. [MWF notes, 7 May 1969, in file.]

The Blount-Parks-Mara House still stands in Milledgeville, a two story clapboard Federal house built abt 1818. It originally stood catty-corner from JWA Sanford Sr's house (the Sanford-Powell-Mara-Binion House), built about 1825. Now the Blount house is directly behind it. If Smith correct he lived in Lebanon, this was not Col Blount's house, but it must certainly have belonged to kin.

Furthermore, there was a village of Blountsville (no longer on modern maps) which must have been near Milledgeville. Theodore Gordon Sanford (4876) apparently lived there all his life.

I don't know how solid JMF's evidence is for Col & Mrs Blount dying back in VA, but above info, plus additional evidence in wife's note (3458), strongly suggest they became permanent residents of GA.

WIFE - Mary Edmunds DAWSON-3458

B date & b & d places on her & Richard Blount from JMF.

Letters to "Dear Grandmother Blount" from grandson JWA Sanford Jr (cf his note #4872, also another letter quoted under JW Gordon #709) seem to have been addressed to her in or near Milledgeville.

D date from MWF notes. Grandsons John WA & Theodore Gordon Sanford were her executors. This also casts doubt on her dying in VA since former executor was in AL & latter in GA.

HUSBAND	Richard Augustus BLOUNT Colonel-3457	Yr of Birth 1777
WIFE	Mary Edmunds DAWSON-3458	Yr of Birth 1780

MWF found & copied many Sanford family letters, etc. from "Day Book of Mrs Mary Blount" among Sanford Papers filed in library of GA State College, Milledgeville [cf her notes of 7 May 1969 in file].

CHILD 1 - Marianne Ridley BLOUNT-770

John WA Sanford's Bible states she was "of VA," as does her tombstone. Sanford File, AL State Archives, says she was brought to GA at age 1; educated at Warrenton, NC, site of "famous female school under charge of Mr Mordicai." Only child of her parents, she would have been living w/ them at age 4 when father owned extensive properties in Hancock Co.

Above explains how 20 yr-old Marianne met Georgian husb, but JMF says her parents died back in Southampton Co, VA, where she was born [cf Richard Blount note #3457]. Did they REALLY migrate south & then return to home county later?

B & d info from gravestone. Age at d 77 yrs, 3 mo, 19 d

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-198

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HUSBAND John Wheeler GORDON General-709
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BORN:   Abt    1797        PLACE: ,,SC?
CHR.:                      PLACE:
DIED:      May 1868        PLACE: Vineville(Macon),Bibb,GA
BUR.:  26 May 1868         PLACE: Rose Hill Cem,Macon,GA
MARR:          1817/1818   PLACE: ,,Ga?
FATHER: Thomas GORDON Jr.-744                                          PARENTS' MRIN: 206
MOTHER: Sarah WHEELER?-745
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WIFE    Martha Cook SANFORD-710
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BORN:   Abt    1800        PLACE: ,,GA
CHR.:                      PLACE:
DIED:   20 Oct 1853        PLACE: Spanish Camp,Wharton,TX
BUR.:                      PLACE: Sorrel Plant.,Wharton,TX
FATHER: Jesse SANFORD Captain-749                                      PARENTS' MRIN: 209
MOTHER: Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Mary Ann GORDON-711
---- BORN: 20 Jun 1819         PLACE: ,Jones,GA
 F   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: 22 Oct 1825         PLACE: ,Jones,GA
     BUR.:                     PLACE: ,Jones,GA
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Thomas J. GORDON-6606
---- BORN: Abt    1820         PLACE: ,Jones,GA
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: 20 Nov 1837         PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
     BUR.:                     PLACE: ,Jones,GA
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                     PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Martha Elizabeth (Bell) GORDON-475
---- BORN:        1824/1826    PLACE: ,Jones,GA
 F   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: 18 Feb 1898         PLACE: Sorrel Plant.,Wharton,TX
     BUR.:                     PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX         has other marriage(s)
     SPOUSE: Bennett BELL-4494                                         MRIN: 1272
     MARR: 21 Nov 1843         PLACE: ,Jones,GA
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 4.  NAME: Sarah Jane GORDON-712
---- BORN: 25 Dec 1827         PLACE: ,Jones,GA
 F   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: 15 May 1877         PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
     BUR.:                     PLACE: Oakwood Cem.,Montgomery,AL       has other marriage(s)
     SPOUSE: Philip Augustus WRAY-716                                  MRIN: 199
     MARR: 12 Aug 1845         PLACE: ,Jones Co.,Georgia
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HUSBAND John Wheeler GORDON General-709                                            Yr of Birth 1797
WIFE    Martha Cook SANFORD-710                                                    Yr of Birth 1800
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5. NAME: Jesse Sanford GORDON-713
---- BORN: Abt    1830        PLACE: ,Jones,GA
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:        1866/1867   PLACE: ,,TX
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Sarah "Sally" Jane DUNCAN-4523                                      MRIN: 1284
     MARR:  3 Dec 1851        PLACE: Christ Church,Matagorda,TX
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 6. NAME: John Wheeler GORDON Jr.-714
---- BORN:        1831/1832   PLACE: ,Jones,GA
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:     Oct 1869       PLACE: ,Matagorda,TX
     BUR.:                    PLACE: Sorrel Plant.,Wharton,TX
     SPOUSE: Frances Amy (Fannie) MCCAMLEY-722                                   MRIN: 201
     MARR: 22 Nov 1855        PLACE: ,Matagorda,TX
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 7. NAME: William S. GORDON-4520
---- BORN: Abt    1835        PLACE: ,Jones,GA
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:     Apr 1850       PLACE: ,Wharton,TX
     BUR.:                    PLACE: Sorrel Plant.,Wharton,TX
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 8. NAME: Camilla M. GORDON-715
---- BORN: Abt    1836/1837   PLACE: ,Jones,GA
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED: 20 May 1894        PLACE: ,Wharton,TX
     BUR.:                    PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX
     SPOUSE: Eugene Mandeville SANFORD General-771                               MRIN: 215
     MARR: 13 Dec 1854        PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
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HUSBAND - John Wheeler GORDON General-709

Birth: Burial record suggests he was b 1793; 1850 Wharton Co Census gives age 53 (twice! better check than usual in Census), suggesting b 1797. Jones Co 1818 Tax Return lists him as minor, so likely he was not b b/4 1797. Burial record gives b place SC. JWA Sanford's Memo Book states "JWG was South Carolinian." However, 1850 gives b place "Georgia" twice!

Death: Interment Rec (p 177) Rose Hill Cem, Macon GA, 26 May 1868 gives residence Vineville, age 75, disease "general debility," remarks "A Charitable Man & a Good Citizen," Lot Range: Holly Ridge, Lot 14. Cf Sorrel/Gordon/Sanford Notes, Part 4, pp 25-6 for search for Gordon/Sorrel burial place. 2 graves, 1 adult, 1 child, are unmarked in Lot 14; prob those of JWG & his grandchild Aminta Sorrel (latter buried 14 June 1866).

His father, Thomas Gordon Jr, purchased at least part of land above Commissioner Creek in Jones Co--where JWG later built his house--b/n 1808-1812 (cf Thomas' note for details). Thomas, Sarah & 2 sons prob living there by 1812. JWG was still in his teens when his bro d in 1814 & his father d b/n 1814-17. 4 days b/4 his mother remarried Dec 1817 she deeded him 506 acres & 25 slaves from his late father's estate [cf her note #745].

1817: Newton Haws contracted debt of $31.31 w/ JWG. In Sept 1820 JWG brought suit for repayment in Jones Co Superior Court. [Did he have to wait till he reached majority to bring suit?]

1818 Jones Co Tax Digest lists JWG as "miner" owning 506 (sic) acres on Commissioner's Creek & 25 slaves. [JMF thinks these 506 acres were same 303 1/4 owned by father in 1813 Tax Digest & another 202 1/2 owned by bro Thomas in 1814 Tax Digest. Both would have been inherited by his mother, who in turn gave them to her surviving son.]

Sometime b/4 14 July 1818 he m Martha Cook Sanford, whose father had lived in Hancock Co at least as early as 1794 & later moved to Milledgeville, Baldwin Co (next county E of Jones). She could have been no more than 18; he barely 21, perhaps only 20. (Above was date of grandfather's will, in which he named her as Martha Gordon.)

Cf JMF'S "GORDON LAND TRANSACTIONS IN JONES CO, GA, 1807-1848" (in JWG folder, Gordon/Sanford file) FOR COMPLETE LIST & CITATIONS OF ALL TRANSACTIONS SUMMARIZED BELOW.

12 Dec 1818: Indenture b/n Elijah Tarver of Jones Co & JWG, who pays $1800 for 202 1/2 acres known as Lot #134, 9th Dist.

1820 Jones Co Tax Digest: taxed on 911 1/4 acres & 34 slaves. Does NOT appear in 1820 Jones Co Census index under any spelling of Gordon or Jordan.

1821 Jones Co Tax Digest: taxed on 961 1/2 acres & 35 slaves.

1821-4: multiple land transactions: among these purchase on 23 May 1822 of 1/2 of Lot 151 (101 1/2 acres) & another 101 1/4 acres adjoining this in sheriff's

sale at Fortville, 2 mi N of Haddock. Set on a high ridge, this was the site of an early trading post & blockhouse built to protect early settlers from Indians. He lived here for 3 yrs while house on Commissioner Creek S of Haddock was under construction.

9 Dec 1822 named trustee of Fortville Academy. 29 July 1824 gives part of Lot 151 purchased above to Academy for erection of Methodist Episcopal Church.

[Gordon-Cline-O'Connor House, built abt 1820, is diagonally across street from JWG's bro-in-law, John WA Sanford's, house in Milledgeville. This did NOT belong to JWG or any of our Gordons. Since Baldwin Co land records were destroyed, cannot be sure, but it prob got "Gordon" from Gen John B Gordon, Civil War hero & later governor of GA. Cf Sorrel/Gordon/Sanford Notes, Part 4, p 20 for details.]

13 July 1825: sold home at Fortville, including 202 1/2 acres, part of Lots 150-1, to Daniel Pratt, architect w/ whom he had contracted to build his new home on hill above Commissioner Creek for $2000. "Daniel Pratt continued to work on new Gordon home 5 yrs, final cost coming to over $60,000." ["History of Jones Co, GA," C. Williams. Some pp, also historical note on Haddock, in Gordon file]

1827: At wife's request he assumed guardianship of her sis Camilla Sanford.

1828: According to William's "History of Jones Co" Daniel Pratt sells home he purchased in 1825 from JWG to Thomas Moughon, husb of Mary G Sanford, sis of Martha C Sanford. Williams states Moughon, JWG & Benj S Jordan (husb of Emily Sanford, another sis) vied w/ one another in building their stately homes.

1830 Census, Jones Co, GA: Household of John W Gordon: 1 M 30-40 [JWG, abt 33]; 1 M 5-10 [Thomas, abt 10]; 1 M<5 [Jesse, abt 1]; 1 F 20-30 [Martha Cook Sanford, abt 30]; 1 F 5-10 [Martha Elizabeth, abt 5-6]; 2 F <5 [Sarah Jane, 3 + ?]; no slaves. [Cannot acct for 1 F <5. Since Martha's b date so uncertain, she might be other F <5, which would leave F 5-10 not acct for. If this was a child who d. b/4 1840 Census, it would lend weight to JMF's theory that 1 or 2 children could have been b in 4-6 yr gap b/n Thomas J. & Martha.]

Senator from Jones Co. in the Georgia Legislature 1832-4 & 1839.

1834: John W Gordin (sic) named trustee Blountsville Academy, Blountsville, Jones Co [Acts of Gen'l Assembly of GA, 1834, Milledgeville, 1835, p 6]

June 1835: Elected by Union Party of Jones Co as delegate to Union Convention ["The Georgian," Savannah, 30 June 1835, p 2, col 2]

11 Nov 1835: Elected by GA Gen'l Assembly "Brig General of 1st Brigade, 5th Division, GA Militia" w/ commission dtd 14 Nov 1835. [Journal of Ga Senate, 1835, p 75] "Dec 1839 (res)" [resigned?] [Letter to JMF from GA Historical Soc 15 Dec 1967: "GA had only 1 regt in Mexican War...Gordon is not in any records we have of Georgians serving in that war."]

1840 Census Jones Co GA: Household of JWG. 1 M 5-10 (William abt 5); 2 M 10-15

(John Jr abt 8; Jesse abt 10); 1 M 40-50 (JWG abt 43); 1 F 5-10 (Camilla abt 4); 1 F 10-15 (Sarah 12); 1 F 15-20 (Martha abt 16); 1 F 30-40 (wife Martha abt 40) + 13 slaves, of whom 6 <10 & 1 >55. 7 members of household in agriculture, presumably JWG & 6 slaves.

23 Mar 1844: conveys (for $150 & grey horse) to Central Rail Road & Banking Co of GA parcel of land 3200 ft long & 82 1/2 ft wide.

Republic of Texas votes for annexation to USA 4 July 1845; admitted as 28th state 29 Dec 1845. US declares war on Mexico 13 May 1846; Scott takes Mexico City 17 Sept 1847.

At this point JWG was about 50, had wife & 5 minor children housed in stately mansion, owned vast lands & many slaves, & had obviously earned respect & recognition thru out GA. Why would he consider pulling up roots & moving to wild new land 1000 mi away? 2 possible explanations: 1) his land was exhausted by intensive farming, presumably of cotton; 2) urging of Albert Clinton Horton, 1st Lt Gov of TX. Latter is family tradition, & Horton's history supports it. He was b Hancock Co GA 4 Sept 1798 & lived there until 1823 when, w/ widowed mother moved to AL. Thus he was same age as JWG & they could have grown up together since JWG lived there until at least 1808. Furthermore, may have been marital link b/n Gordon & Horton families thru JWG's bro Thomas III. [Cf Sorrel /Gordon/Sanford Notes, Part 4, pp 28-9, for evidence.] Horton moved to TX in 1834 & settled on 2200 acre plantation adjacent to town of Wharton. He also had home in Matagorda (which still stands). He was 1 of commissioners who selected Austin as site of capital (1839); served in Convention which voted annexation to USA; elected Lt Gov 1 May 1846 & was acting Gov 7 mo while Gov fighting in Mexico. Thus he was at peak of his career, vast lands of his new state had to be settled, soil of his own Colorado River valley was particularly fertile & dirt cheap: one can imagine him making a proposal his old friend couldn't resist! He d in Matagorda 1865.

1845-47: JWG sold at least 196 acres (Lot 35, 6th Dist) & at least 637 acres (Lots 87 & 99, 6th Dist) prob in anticipation of coming move to TX.

6 July 1847 [Wharton Co, TX, Book A, p 165]: Indenture b/n Mary Jane Davis of Bourbon Co, KY, & JWG of GA "in consideration of the sum of $18,420...with interest...from 22 Sept 1846...land is situated E of & fronts upon Colorado River...It is situated below town of Egypt & is known as the Spanish Camp tract of land & it contains 1 league & 1 labor of 4605 acres..." [Text in Sorrel/Gordon Notes. Deal was struck just 9 mo after TX became state for exactly $4/acre!]

[In 1824, after settling 300 families in the Province of Texas, Stephen F. Austin received in return 22 1/2 leagues & 3 labors of land (abt 100,161 acres!) situated on Colorado, Bernardo & Brazos Rivers & Oyster & Chocolate Creeks from Mexican govt. On 1 Sept 1824 in town of San Felipe de Austin, Baron de Bastrop put "Empresario" Austin in possession of lands. "And said Stephen F. Austin, in evidence of finding himself in real & personal possession ...shouted aloud, pulled herbs, threw stones, set stakes & performed the other necessary ceremonies..." [Abstract of Title, Sorrel Plantation, p 2 (in Gordon File)] Austin apparently had partnership w/ Joseph H. Hawkins, who had d by 14

Jan 1833 when Austin transferred part of this land, including Spanish Camp, to Hawkins' heirs: Edmund St. John Hawkins of Brazoria, "a minor of 25 yrs & major of 21 yrs," who was present, & to agents for Mary Jane, Norborne B, Thomas & George Hawkins. [Abstract pp 4-8] By 6 July 1847 there were only 2 surviving heirs, Joseph T Hawkins & Mary Jane Davis, who split their inheritance, latter getting Spanish Camp. [Abstract p 9] That same day Mary Jane Davis completed sale of her land to JWG. [Abstract p 10]]

6 wks b/4 above sale (26 May 1847) PA Wray, husb of Sarah Jane Gordon, purchased 1018 1/2 acres "which lies immediately below & adjoining...Spanish Camp League...now of JW Gordon." [cf Wray note]

1847 Wharton Co Tax Roll lists John Kelly, agt for JW Gordon, w/ 4605 acres & 47 Negroes; total value $42,235.

JWG & family (except married daughters?) seem to have left Jones Co for new home in late 1847 or early 1848. House & land (2007 acres) on Commissioner's Creek sold to Thomas O Bowen of Jones Co for $8000 30 Oct 1848. [Copy of deed in Gordon file.] Bowen's title was "Congressman." After Civil War he gradually sold off land, reducing holdings to 500 acres. In 1881 sold property to his wife's sister's husb, James H Blount, who must have been relative of Martha Cook Sanford Gordon's mother, Marianne Blount. In article in Sunday Magazine, Macon Telegraph, 20 Oct 1929 [typescript copy in file], Mrs Blount conducted tour thru house, then called "Hale Nue," which was still show-place. Described how ground dropped away steeply from back yard to stream below (Commissioner's Creek?); directly in line from back porch straight road led to Macon. (House located "near Haddock.") When MWF found it in 1960s, it was derelict, occupied by squatters who threatened her w/ shotgun. It was rescued by Wm N Banks & his mother shortly after. They disassembled it & moved it to Newnan, GA. Photo on cover of Sept 1972 "Antiques" [copy in file] shows it has been restored to original beauty; also xerox of article (source) sent by Frank Sorrel.

Most of JWG's Jones Co land was included in deal w/ Congressman Bowen "reserving 1 acre at each grave yard on Lots 131 & 154." Lot 131 was part of the Commissioner Creek property. Lot 154 adjoined land at Fortville he had sold in July 1825 when he moved his home from there to Commissioner Creek. Mary Ann did not die until Oct 1825. His father & bro died b/4 he bought this property. Why would there have been private (family) graveyard there? Among those buried in one or the other of these were prob JWG's father & bro, his 1st two children Mary Ann & Thomas, & his mother's 2nd husb. [In 1969, MWF searched for these graveyards, quizzing several life-long residents residents of area, but found nothing. For her account, cf note #744, Thomas Gordon Jr.]

How did they travel from GA to TX? Entourage included JWG's large family, all their household possessions & perhaps slaves too. [Know he owned 35 back in 1821 & had 13 in household alone in 1840, so number prob large. Perhaps he sold them & bought others in TX. Fact he deeded same 20 slaves to RHD Sorrel in Jones Co in 1856 whom he had deeded to Bennett Bell in 1843 (cf their notes & Martha Gordon's) suggests he left slaves behind.] Most likely left Jones Co by rail. Georgia RR main line Augusta-Atlanta opened 1845 & ran right by JWGs

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WIFE Martha Cook SANFORD-710 Yr of Birth 1800

house (cf above). Thus they could have reached Atlanta easily, but beyond there would have had to go by wagon. [Not even connection from Atlanta to Montgomery till 1853.] Central of Georgia Rway opened line Macon-Savannah 1843, so they could have reached seaport easily too. Seems more likely they did this, took ship around FL into Gulf, & prob sailed up Colorado River right to Wharton (river was navigable 200 mi up to Austin then).

In his novel "Texas," Michener tells how 2 fictional families left their SC & GA plantations, soil exhaused by cotton, & moved to TX in 1849-50 (pp 688-720). He describes caravan of 15 huge wagons carrying families & some slaves that went overland on "Cotton Trail" (map pp 688-9) Augusta-Atlanta-Montgomery, then across Mississippi at Vicksburg & on to Shreveport LA & new home in NE TX. This MAY have been way Gordons & Sanfords went, only cutting farther S across MS & LA to reach Gulf coast.

"Most of the men who came to Wharton Co & brought their slaves secured large holdings of land & inaugurated the old plantation system they had known [before]. This was the 'Golden Age' of plantations in TX. With [TX] Revolution over & Civil War in distant future, on the banks of the Colorado & Brazos the plantation system reached its height in TX." ["History of Wharton Co," K.O.Kettler, Huntsville TX, 1951, p 9; master's thesis in Wharton Co Library]

1848 Wharton Co Tax Roll: John Kelly, agt for JW Gordon: 4584 acres; 100 Negroes; total value of property $60,188. In 1849: 4600 acres; 101 Negroes; total value $59,585.

13 Mar 1849: JWG bought 2 young male slaves from Henry David Rhodes for $1143 [Matagorda Co Deed Book G, p 406]. This is odd coincidence. Rhodes' wife was Mary Brown Wicks, who would become Moye Wicks' aunt when he was born in 1855. 34 yrs aft this sale Moye m JWG's granddaugh Moxley Sorrel.

27 Oct 1849: JWG, still calling himself of Jones Co, GA, posted bond to become trustee for his bro-in-law Thos G Sanford's wife (cf Sarah B Jourdan #4833) in anticipation of her move to TX. [Document, copied into Wharton Co, TX, records in 1850, in file.]

1850 Census proves JWG maintained 2 separate homes: 1 in Matagorda (enum 11 Sept) & 1 in Wharton (enum 13-21 Sept). Household members same in both counts except Martha Bell (living next door w/ husb in Wharton) & Sarah Rutherford (not in Wharton). Other differences: JWG 53 & 53, value real estate $25,000 & $58,000; Martha C 49 & 50; Jesse S 20 & 20, farmer; John W 19 & 18, student; Camilla M 14 & 13, attended school; Martha Bell 24 & 25.

1850 Wharton Co Tax Roll: JWG (for 1st time w/o agt) owns 4605 acres worth $23,025 & 150 Negroes worth $60,000; also agent of "PA Ray" (husb of Sarah Jane Gordon) for add'l 1107 acres worth $5,535. County Slave Property list shows him owning 82 M, 80 F.

Thus number of slaves increased from 47 in 1847 to 100 in 1848 & 150 in 1850. Some he may have brought w/ him from GA (don't know exact no. he owned there in 1840s), but know he was also buying slaves in TX in 1849 (cf above note).

6,7,9 Mar 1850: buys 3 tracts in Kuykendall League of 1,456, 453 & 453 acres for $10,828, bringing his total land purchases to 6,967 acres--more than 10 sq mi. [Wharton Co Deed Book A, deeds 191-3]

Sept 1850: joins others in organizing Colorado Navigation Co to clear tangle of logs & improve navigation on River above & below Glen Flora.

1851 Wharton Co Tax Roll lists JWG w/ 3 parcels totalling 5791 acres & 150 Negroes w/ total value $104,279. Also had add'l 453 acres & 26 Negroes as agt for S[arah] Sanford, wife of Thos G Sanford. [This totals only 6244 acres; can't explain discrepancy.]

18 Nov 1852: Completes payment to "Mary Jane Victor late Mrs Davis & originally Miss Hawkins daugh of Joseph H Hawkins deceased" of Lexington KY [Abstract p 11; this also shows map of his land, divided into 4 Lots totalling 5087 acres, between Colorado River & Peach Creek]. Cf "Summary of Gordon/Sanford/Rives/ Sorrel Land Transactions" by JMF in Gordon/Sanford file. Color diagram shows all of JWG's land, not just that in above purchase, to which the Abstract is limited.

Map of land JWG Sr gave to JWG Jr (Wharton Co Deed Book F, p 290) shows "manor house" on bank of Peach Creek, about 500 yds down road to Wharton from hamlet of Spanish Camp. This is prob house JWG Sr built for his family which is referred to as "Spanish Camp" in 1852-3 letters (cf Martha Sanford notes #710).

1852 Wharton Co Tax Roll: JW Gordon owned 5791 acres & 167 Negroes w/ total value of holdings $116,738.

26 Feb 1853: Letter from John WA Sanford Jr to "Dear Grandmother (Blount)" [JMF files]: "Uncle Gordon passed here [Montgomery, AL] on his way to GA a few days ago. He is in good health & fine spirits. From what I had heard, I was agreeable surprised to find him looking well; with the exception of his inability to ride on horseback, he has entirely recovered. [Nancy Lucas told JMF he might have lost a leg.] His stay in GA will be short for he expects to meet Aunt [Martha Sanford] in New Orleans (on her way from KY to TX) in a few days. They will carry with them Camilla, their youngest child [now abt 16-17], who has just completed her education at Lexington." [Martha & Camilla prob came down Ohio & Mississippi by steamer from Louisville, but how did JWG get from central GA to New Orleans "in a few days?" Know RR from Macon to Atlanta to Montgomery was open in 1853; perhaps beyond to New Orleans? From NO prob went to Wharton by sea. 1st RRs W of NO & W of Houston were started only in 1852.]

Wife Martha must already have been ill abt then for daughs wrote about taking her to NYC to see doctor who might cure her [cf her note]. 20 Oct 1853 she d "after a protracted illness, on the Colorado, Texas." ["Macon Messenger" 9 Nov 1853]

7 Jan 1854: 2 1/2 mo. aft wife's death, JWG completed survey of his lands in preparation for giving lots to his children, which he did 2 yrs later (see below). [Instrument: Plat & Field Notes dtd 7 June 1854, filed 4 Mar 1856,

in JMF's files.] Note 2 yr lag b/n survey & filing, which was done after lands were transferred.

Letter 5 May 1854 from a Thos. Woodward to dau Martha Bell (copy in Gordon file) indicates JWG took her, her sis Camilla & a bro (prob JWG Jr) to a hot springs resort (Chalyleato?) near Little Rock, AR, for as long as 10 wks that spring, perhaps to recover blow of his wife's & Martha's husb's deaths. They had both died in Oct 1853. JWG & his family left resort for Little Rock, New Orleans & Montgomery, presumably to visit other dau, Sarah Jane Rives. This is example of luxury of time & speed of travel he & his family could now enjoy.

Late 1854: "Pa...had sold his house & lot in Matagorda to Dr Perry & was staying at...plantation. How lonely he must feel." [Letter from dau Martha Bell to sis Sarah Jane Rives 29 Jan 1855. Typescript in Gordon/Sanford file.]

1853-54 Wharton Co Tax Rolls: could not find JWG.

21 Dec 1854: Letter from JWA Sanford Jr to "Dear Grandmother Blount." "I heard that Uncle Gordon is expected here [Montgomery] next month..."

1855 Wharton Co Tax Roll: JWG owned 2 parcels of 4605 & 1146 acres & 123 Negroes; total value of holdings $123,905. This was last time he appeared in Wharton Co tax rolls until 1866.

7 Jan 1856: "In consideration of the natural love & affection which I bear to my daughter, Martha E Sorrel, wife of RHD Sorrel of Sumpter Co, GA" JWG conveyed to her for $100 Lot 4 (1280 acres) + slaves (no?). For same consideration & $100, he conveyed to Jesse S Gordon Lot 3 (1315 acres) + 38 slaves; to "my daughter Camilla M Sanford, wife of Eugene M Sanford" Lot 1 (1195 acres) + 41 slaves; to his daughter Sarah Jane Rives Lot 2 (1297 acres) + slaves; & to his son John W Gordon Jr 1115 in the Kuykendall League + slaves. 3 days before (4 Jan) he sold 453 acres to bro-in-law Thomas G Sanford. [All in Wharton Co Deed Vol B]

Same day as above transactions Jesse Gordon, John W Gordon Jr, & Eugene & Camilla Sanford mortgaged all the land & slaves they had received back to their father to secure $3000 loans to each. [Abstract pp 12-14, map 11]

The above transactions totaled 6695 acres, accounting for all but 272 acres of the land JWG had purchased 1847-50. At this point he prob gave up residence in Wharton Co because he is not listed in 1856 Wharton Co Tax Rolls & did not appear in them again until 1866.

14 May 1856: Wharton Co Clerk of Court certified JWG "personally came" to his ofice to sign 9 Mar 1856 deed for 20 slaves to son-in-law RHD Sorrel. This is last definite evidence JWG was still in Wharton Co.

30 Sept 1856: JMF has record showing "dwelling house" of "Mr JWG" in Montgomery AL "was consumed by fire." [Possible that JWG had gone to live for time in Montgomery aft wife d in 1853, daughs Martha & Camilla m in late 1854, & he had divided much of his land earlier in 1856. This would have been logical b/c

daugh Sarah Jane Rives lived there. Note his 2nd grandson Francis Sorrel was b in AL abt 1856-7 [1860 Census]. Might Martha have gone to father's or sis's home for delivery?] HOWEVER, 1860 Census, Montgomery AL, p 176, dwelling 447, lists household of John W GordAn, age 44, trader, b. VA; his wife, Jane W, 29, b VA, & son Robert W, 1, b AL. Was it HIS house that burned down?

15 Feb 1858: JWG witnesses sale of land by Wm Rives to RHD Sorrel in Wharton Co. He "personally came" to Co Clerk's office 4 Mar to attest legality of doc, but this was more likely JWG Jr.

No "JW Gordon," either Sr or Jr, listed in indexes of 1860 Censuses of TX, AL or GA. Fairly certain JWG Sr had left TX by this time, but for where? We know he was NOT the "Jhn W. Gordan" on p 176 in 1860 Census of Montgomery, AL. There was a "Jno. W. Gordon" in Matagorda Co Tax Roll compiled 7 Sept 1861 for Lot 16, Block 5 in town of Matagorda valued at $1700. Was this the town house where JWG & family lived at time of 1850 Census? Know from letter (above) that JWG Sr sold that house in 1854 to "Dr Perry." Therefore most likely this was property of JWG Jr. Only other similar tax listing was in 1867 (cf below).

12 July 1861: JWG witnessed will of Nancy Parrish in Jones Co GA. Thus know he was back in old home town, but was he resident there? Or was he living in RHD & Martha Sorrel's home in Vineville? Mackall memoir of those living there 1863-5 doesn't mention him [cf RHD Sorrel note]. So nothing known of old man's whereabouts during Civil War (he was in 60s); certainly not in Army. Yet he may have been in Vineville b/c in late 1865 he was "of Bibb Co" [cf below].

Wherever he was during War, one can visualize him at its end. He was 68 or older, GA had been laid waste by Sherman, whole South was devastated, his slaves were free, wealth he had accumulated over lifetime had dissipated. Yet he could still do something for his children. This reflected in his last land transaction in TX:

9 Dec 1865: JWG "Senr of Bibb Co, GA, for & in consideration of the love & affection I have & bear unto my son" JWG Jr of Wharton Co, gave him "life estate unto tract" on E bank of Colorado River out of Kuykendall League containing 1381 acres "without power of selling...or in any manner encumbering ...for the love & affection I have for Martha A Gordon, John W Gordon [III] & Frederick Clarence Gordon..." heirs of JWG Jr. Signed at Galveston. [Wharton Co Deed Book B, p 734] This is the same tract, slightly enlarged, that JWG Sr had given to JWG Jr in 1856 & which Jr had immediately mortgaged back to Sr.

From 1856 thru 1865 JWG Jr was taxed as land owner in Wharton Co. At first he had 1107 acres (his father had given him 1155 acres); from 1859-65 he had 1347 acres. In 1866 JWG SR re-appeared on Wharton Co Tax Rolls, owning 1370 acres, while JWG JR owned only horses & cattle. In 1867 they were listed together, with JWG Jr as "agent," owning 1347 acres. (Only JWG Jr paid poll tax these 2 yrs, suggesting JWG Sr was not resident of Wharton Co.) Note: total value of their property had fallen to $20,250 in 1866 & to $19,460 in 1867.

Possible explanation for all this: County considered JWG Jr owner of the land father gave him in 1856 altho it was mortgaged to JWG Sr all that time. Then, in Dec 1865, JWG Sr may have cancelled the mortgage by giving JWG Jr life estate

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on the land while at same time ensuring that it would not be lost thru Jr's financial ineptitude by denying him power to sell or encumber it. In view of this limitation, County may then have considered JWG Sr actual owner.

1867 Matagorda Co Tax Roll (dated 1 July & 16 Dec) lists "Jno. W. Gordon" with Lot 1, Block 5, valued at $500. This was same block but diff lot than one in 1861 list (cf above). Was this Sr or Jr?

1868 Wharton Co Tax Roll: "JW Gordon Jr for Estate of JW Gordon Sr;" 1387 acres worth only $4498.

Since JWG Sr identified himself as resident of Bibb Co in above 1865 deed, he prob returned to Vineville after divesting himself of last of his lands. Since RHD Sorrel's family was in their Vineville home 1866-69, JWG Sr prob lived with them. He died there in 1868.

WIFE - Martha Cook SANFORD-710

B date est from ages in 1850 Census (49 & 50).

Will of grandfather Jesse Sanford dtd 14 July 1818 provided that 1 slave be given "to the 1st issue of Martha C Gordon." This sets her m date b/4 July 1818 (age not more than 18), & shows she had not borne child by then (altho she could have been pregnant). Mary Ann was b 20 June 1819 & therefore most likely was her 1st child.

20 May 1852 [letter from Martha Bell in Wharton Co TX to sis Sarah Rives in Montgomery AL, in JMF files]: "Ma" is very feeble & "will probably not live through the summer--going to Spanish Camp to be under Dr Stanchfield." ["Spanish Camp" was name of property JWG bought in 1847, so this could refer to Gordon Plantation. Other letters dated "Spanish Camp" (cf below) confirm this likelihood. Spanish Camp is also name of what was then & is now (1994) tiny hamlet across road from where Gordon house was prob located. Exact location of "Manor House" on Gordon land known from 1883-4 map in Wharton Co Deed Vol F, p 290, but not known when it was built.] Wording of this letter suggests they were planning to move from another house in Wharton Co or their house in in Matagorda to a location near where Dr Stanchfield lived--perhaps town of Wharton? Move from Matagorda more likely since known they owned this house until late 1854 [cf another letter from Martha to Sarah Jane in JW Gordon Sr #709 note].

26 Feb 1853 [letter from JWA Sanford Jr to grandmother Mary Blount]: refers to JWG meeting "Aunt" (Martha Sanford Gordon) & daugh Camilla in New Orleans on way to TX. Martha was accompanying Camilla following latter's completion of education in Lexington KY. [Presumably they were coming down Ohio & Mississippi by steamer. Obviously Martha had not only survived but was able to make long journey.]

Aug 1853 [letter from Camilla dated "Spanish Camp" to Sarah Rives in Montgomery]: "Sister Martha & I are so closely confined to nursing our dear sick Mother who has been confined ever since you & Dr [Rives] left. Ma was brought up to the Camp to be nearer Dr Stanchfield. You know she has more confidence in him than any other physician in TX. Dr S--indeed, all of us, are

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very anxious for Ma to go to Dr Homes of Mississippi or Gilbert of New York, it will be a great while before she can stand the fatigue of traveling. We do not see any decided improvement yet, but hope we will soon. Dr Stanchfield has but very litte hope of Ma's ever getting any better that her disease is a very bad one & but few ever get well of it but we hope that she will be one of the few. Sister Martha, Brother John & I will go with Ma travelling. Papa will go as far as New Orleans with us, will go farther if he can possibly."

[Martha had a chronic disease characterized by remissions & relapses. She was feeble & near death May 1852; 8 mo later she was strong enough for long trip; 6 mo after that she was near death again & d 2 mo later. TB could do this, but "consumption" was so common Camilla prob wouldn't be so oblique in referring to it. Travelling to distant specialists also suggests it was not common affliction. Doubt breast or cervical cancer, 2 common diseases then, would run course like this. I wonder if she had low-grade but ultimately fatal disease such as chronic brucellosis.]

21 Aug 1853 [letter from Martha Bell at Spanish Camp to Sarah Rives]: mentions mother's continued ill health. Say she "was baptised & partook of the Lord's supper." [Rector of Episcopal Church in Wharton (founded 1859) thought these last rights would most likely have been administered by priest from Christ Church, Matagorda, oldest Episcopal church in TX (1839). Search of records by current Vicar of latter in 1993 found "no records of the names Sorrel or Gordon."]

20 Oct 1853: "Died...after protracted illness, on the Colorado, Texas, Mrs Martha C Gordon, consort of Gen John W Gordon, formerly of Jones Co..." [Macon Messenger, 9 Nov 1853.]

She was prob buried in family plot on Plantation, altho not mentioned in letter listing those known to have been buried there (cf RHD Sorrel 474 note).

CHILD 1 - Mary Ann GORDON-711

"Mary Ann, eldest child of John W & Martha C Gordon" d 22 Oct 1825, age 6 yrs, 4 mos, 2 d. [GA Journal of Milledgeville, 1 Nov 1825]. "Eldest" is consistent w/ fact at least 1 other child, Thomas J, was alive in 1825. HOWEVER, "ELDEST" DOES NOT RULE OUT MORE THAN 1 CHILD; i.e., IT COULD ALSO MEAN MARTHA ELIZABETH WAS BORN B/4 OCT 18~~6~~5.
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Since JWG had 2 family cemeteries on his land in Jones Co, safe to assume Mary Ann was buried in Jones Co.

CHILD 2 - Thomas J. GORDON-6606

"On Wednesday the 20th inst. at the home of Mrs. Rutherford, MR. THOMAS J. GORDON, eldest son of Gen. Gordon of Jones County; he was in his 17th year and was a student at Midway Seminary." [The Southern Recorder, 10 Oct 1837, in "Marriages & Obituaries from Early Georgia Newpapers," p 50]

This was JWG's 2nd child & eldest son, unknown to family historians until JMF discovered this entry in 1997. Mrs. Rutherford was his grandmother Sarah, & her home, which still stands, is described under her 2nd husb, John Rutherford's note #769.

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"The Presbyterians...opened the Midway Seminary in January 1835. It was originally designed as a manual labor school sponsored by the Georgia Presbyterian Education Society under the jurisdiction of the Hopewell Presbytery." ["Milledgeville, Georgia's Antebellum Capital," p 99, op sit in Jesse Sanford note #749] What was the son of a wealthy planter (& JWG certainly was by 1837) studying at a "manual labor school?"

Since we know JWG had 2 family cemeteries on his land, safe to say poor Thomas was buried in Jones Co.

CHILD 3 - Martha Elizabeth (Bell) GORDON-475

B date est from 1850 Census (ages 24-25--counted 2x = 1825-26), 1860 Census (32 = 1828), 1870 Census (44 = 1826), 1880 Census (53 = 1827). Since younger sis Sarah b in Dec 1827, Martha could not have been b after Jan 1827. Therefore believe 1825-6 most likely. JMF thinks could have been earlier: 1824. Cf note on older sis Mary Ann (711) that might prove Martha was b b/4 Oct 1825.

She was known to her sisters as "Patsey." According to daugh Moxley, attended "Sacred Heart Convent in NY" (no other evidence for this per JMF).

21 Nov 1843 m Col Bennett Bell in Jones Co, GA. She was abt 17-19; he was at least 14 yrs her senior (abt 33). May have lived 1st yr or so in Clinton, historic village, now well preserved, just across highway from town of Gray. The Flewellen-Johnson-Bennett Bell House is said to still be standing there.

29 Dec 1843: JWG deeded 20 slaves to Chas Hutchings on condition "services, earnings & gains" of slaves go to benefit of Martha & any children she may have "w/o control or intermedling" of her husb.

Abt 1847-8 moved w/ husb to Baker Co. (He served in Legislature from there 1849-50; resigned Feb 1850.)

B/n Feb & Aug 1850 Martha & Bennett Bell follow JWG & most of his family to new home in Wharton Co, TX. They were settled in dwelling next to JWG by Sept.

1850 Census Wharton Co, TX, enumerated 13-21 Sept, p 326, dwelling 82: B. Bell 40, farmer; M.A.Bell 25; G.W.Presswood, 24, printer; all b GA. (John W Gordon's dwelling was #81). She was also counted in father's household in Matagorda 9 Sept, age 25, w/o husband (cf J.W.Gordon notes).

1851 Wharton Co record from JMF (Slave Holder Census?) lists Bennett Bell owning 10 slaves + 26 more "for his wife." 1852 lists "Bennett Bell & wife" owning 24; 1853 lists "Bennett Bell for Martha Bell" owning 26.

Bennett Bell & Mrs Martha Bell appear for 1st time on Wharton Co Tax Rolls in 1852. Neither own land. Bells owns 9 Negroes; Martha 24. In 1853 he still owned 9; she 26.

12 Oct 1853 Bennett Bell d, prob of wounds received in altercation over card game w/ bros-in-law & friends 4 days before. Small size of his estate (cf his note) indicates most slaves (abt 17) held in Martha's own name. Apparently

Bell had been farming father-in-law's land; John W Gordon didn't divide his land until 1856 (cf below).

April 1854: Martha leaves resort near Little Rock, AR, following lengthy (10 wk?) stay w/ her father, bro JWG Jr, sis Camilla. Proceeds to New Orleans & Montgomery, AL. Sometime later goes on to Indian Springs, Georgia resort 132 mi NW of old home in Haddock, where she meets RHD Sorrel. [Latter family lore from daugh Moxley.]

15 Oct 1854 m RHD Sorrel in Atlanta. Cf charming letter to her sister Sarah Jane Rives 29 Jan 1855 reporting proudly that her new husband is "more of a man than [someone] took him to be" & that she is already pregnant [typescript in Sorrel file].

21 Oct 1855, birth of 1st child (John Gordon "Frenchie"). Known RHD working in Americus, Sumpter Co, in Oct 1854, & he is referred to in Jan 1856 deed as "RHD Sorrel of Sumpter Co, GA." Therefore believe son born in Americus. However Mercer U records give b place Macon.

7 Jan 1856 father deeds Martha Elizabeth Sorrel 1280 acres (Lot 4) on E side of Colorado River in Wharton Co & number of slaves. 9 Mar 1856 Deed of Trust, originally dated 29 Dec 1843, in which J.W.Gordon deeded 20 slaves to Chas. Hutchings "upon trust that he...will...permit...Martha E. Bell...to have...the services, earnings & gains of the said negro slaves for her benefit...independent of & without contol or intermedling of said husband for & during her natural life..." transferred to RHD Sorrel. [Both in Abstract of Title to the Sorrel Plantation in file.]

Abt 1857: 2nd child (Francis) b in AL (possibly at home of sis Sarah Jane Rives or of her father, both of whom believed to have been living in Montgomery then).

14 July 1858: husb buys land in Vineville district of Macon. By this time she & husb also own property in Jones Co & 2609 acres in TX. 27 Oct 1858: 3rd child (RHD Jr) b Vineville. 27 July 1860: 4th child (Marcial) b there. 1860 Census, enumerated 5 Aug, documents considerable wealth (cf husb's note). Mar 1861: 5th child (Aminta, named after RHD older sis) b Vineville.

April 1861: outbreak of Civil War. She & children almost certainly lived out War on Texas plantation. Husb was in TX to enlist in home guard in July 1861 & continuously while in service Jan 1863-July 1865. 1870 & 1880 Censuses prove that 6th child (Moxley) was b in TX, almost certainly in 1864. (If b in 1865, both census-takers would have been told in July the ages Moxely would not reach until Oct: 5 & 15.) Thus Moxley was prob conceived in Jan 1864. Since Trans-Mississippi Dept of Confederacy cut off from east after fall of Vicksburg 4 July 1863, there was no way Martha could have gone to Vineville home after early 1863. Known family was back in Vineville in Mar 1866 because daugh Aminta d there. Whole family prob lived there 1866-69. Letter [in JMF files] to "Dear Mot" in GA from RHDS in TX in Oct 1869 shows she was still there then.

May 1868: Father d at Vineville. Bro Jesse d sometime in 1866-7; said to

have drowned. 1869: Bro John W Gordon Jr murdered in TX. May 1870: Father-in-law d at Savannah. 1871: husb d at home shortly after eating tainted fish in Galveston.

Cf RHD Sorrel note for debts left after his death. However he was not only member of family in debt following War. In late 1860s (Moye didn't record date) MA & G[ordon] Sorrel sued JW & F[annie] Sorrel, prob for debt default. [Wharton Co Dist Court Minute Book D, p 68]. In claim Martha made against estate of Francis Sorrel in 1879, mention made of promisory note for $1250 made by Claxton Sorrel & payable to G. Moxley Sorrel dated 27 July 1868 & payable 3 yrs later. Argued that this sum + interest was owed by ACS & GMS to children of RHDS because they had been named trustees of the children, but debt had remained unpaid because both men had "for 4 or 5 yrs been insolvent."

Cf RHD Sorrel notes for unsettled conditions in Wharton Co in post-War period. Family lore tells of former slaves frightened by Ku Klux Klan seeking shelter on Martha'a veranda. Yet lists of "Freedmen" in Wharton Co Tax Rolls 1866-70 show NO ex-slaves who took name Sorrel, while many took Gordon, Sanford & Rives as family names. Significance?

Wharton Co Tax Rolls show continued plight of anyone trying to run a plantation in the post-war perior w/o free labor & cotton prices low:

ibid: 1871: JL(S?) Rives, agent for Mrs ME Sorrel: 1660 acres worth $8660.

ibid: 1872: JH Rogers, agent for Mrs ME Sorrel: 1660 acres worth $8504.

ibid: 1874: Mrs ME Sorrel, agent for Gordon Sorrel: 1660 acres worth $4060. [Now 19, eldest son Gordon had apparently become owner.] NB: 1873 & 1875 records missing.

By 1875 she was having difficulty holding plantation together. On 8 June 1875 she negotiated 1 yr loan for $2000 at 18%, offering 700 acres of Lot 4 as security [Wharton Co D/T Records, vol B, p 561]. 17 April 1876 negotiates new 2 yr loan for $2000 at 18% using rest of Lot 4 & 714 acres of Lot 3 as security [ibid, vol C-1, p 249].

31 Jan 1876: Eldest son "Frenchie" murdered, prob by half-bro of John W Gordon Jr's widow. Aug 1876: 2nd son Francis d of jaundice. 15 May 1877: sis Sarah Jane d at Montgomery.

Wharton Co Tax Roll, 1876: Mrs ME Sorrel owned 1660 + 1144 acres, total value $12,645. [Did not review tax rolls beyond this yr.]

22 May 1878: WW Lipscomb sues Martha for non-payment of 1st debt above. She fails to appear at trial; Court orders Martha to pay Lipscomb $782.31 + 8% on $67.17 thereof & 12% on $715.14 thereof until debt paid, + costs [ibid, vol C, p 165].

4 July 1879: "In consideration of...$5000...which I have...appropriated to pay & discharge encumbrances upon the property hereinafter conveyed," Martha conveyed to son RHD Jr all 1280 acres of Lot 4 & 1329 acres of Lot 3 "upon

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trust for use & benefit of RHD Sorrel Jr, Marcial & Moxley." Property was disencumbered except for $1733.43 still due Lipscomb on 700 acres of Lot 4 [ibid, vol D, p 175]. Legal papers in Savannah (per JMF) suggest this $5000 came from settlement of estate of Francis Sorrel.

1880 Census, Georgia, Bibb Co, Vineville Dist (enum 4 June): Martha E Sorrel, 53; Marcial, 18, b GA; Moxley, 15, b TX. Eldest son RHD Sorrel Jr, 21 was listed as farmer in 1880 Wharton Co, Texas Census.

In 1882 she turned over complete mgmt of plantation to 24 yr-old Douglass & could finally relax. She spent summer 1883 in Vineville w/ Marcial & Moxley then in Oct took Moxley to visit sis Camilla Sanford on rail line Southern Pacific had opened from New Orleans to LA that spring. Attended Moxley's wedding 10 July 1884 at Camilla's estate. Cf copies of her letters in Sorrel file which show her grief over this union & her reservations about Moxley's husb.

6 Dec 1884: WW Lipscomb releases Martha from all claims; all debts on plantation finally paid [ibid, vol D, p 81].

May 1887: As trustee for Martha & on her request, G. Moxley Sorrel sells "The Sorrel Place" in Vineville to L.E.Culver for $6500. According to MWF, "Altho Grandma Sorrel lived & managed the Sorrel Plantation in Texas, she retained her home in [Vineville] & spent part of every year there" until it was sold. She lived in the town of Wharton, not on the plantation, & had her own room at the Wicks home in Houston. MWF recalled how she would arrive every spring & fall w/ a seamstress to supervise the making of clothes for her grandchildren.

10 Dec 1894: appointed administrator of estate of sis Camilla Sanford.

18 Feb 1898: d in Wharton. In 1992 her furniture & many effects (including her husb's massive gold wedding ring) were in home of Katherine Knapp Sorrel in Wharton. Cf JMF notes 23-29 Oct 1992, p 8, for inventory. Since Katherine's death are presumably in possession of her sons John Gordon &/or Richard Knapp.

Her will (Probate Minutes Book D, p 574, Wharton Co Courthouse) dated 26 June 1894 states she is "now a resident of Los Angeles County, CA." She left her granddaugh Gordon (daugh of "Frenchie") $5, explaining "she has as much property as is necessary for her, &...I have in the past bestowed much care & expense upon her." Everything else she left in equal shares to 3 surviving children. Gordon Sorrel MacGregor unsuccessfully contested this will. [Copy of holograph original in Sorrel file]

Martha once wrote in the Day Book in which she entered her innermost thoughts, "All my life everything has gone wrong." In her 70+ yrs she did experience more tragedy than most: her 1st husb, her sis Sarah's 1st husb, 2 bros & her eldest son all died violent deaths; in addition she lost a little girl, another son, her father & her 2nd husb. Except for 1st husband, all d in 10 yr period which coincided w/ disorder of Reconstruction in which she was burdened w/ debts that threatened her plantation. In her bio of Moye Wicks, MWF sees all this as reason Martha was over-protective of her youngest child & only surviving daugh, Moxley. Before Moxley's wedding, Martha confided to her

Day Book, "You were my joy, the very life of my life. How I shall bear to live on without you, I know not." [There is circumstantial evidence that Moxley did not reciprocate this devotion; i.e., she give 9 of her 11 children names beginning w/ "M" but no daugh named Martha. Cf Moxley's note #19 for details]

This smothering devotion to her surviving children also left its mark on her 2 sons. She wrote to her Aunt Emily Jordan, "There is not one girl in Macon that I would have either of my sons marry. I write truly." Her son Douglass did not marry until age 40; Marcial never married.

Other marriages:
15 Oct 1854 Richard Henry Douglass SORREL-474 MRIN: 132

CHILD 4 - Sarah Jane GORDON-712

B date & place from gravestone

Marriages: 1) 12 Aug 1845 (age 17) to Philip August Wray [Marriage Bond, Jones Co]; 2) 1 Mar 1853 (age 25) to Dr William Henry Rives of Montgomery AL. [Letter from JWA Sanford Jr to grandmother Mary Blount 26 Feb 1853: "on next Tuesday, Mar 1, Cousin Sarah Wray will be m. to Dr. Rives of this place. He is a gentleman, standing well in his profession & in the community...& worth $75-80,000..." [Gravestone gives m date 3 Mar]

In will dtd 16 Feb 1847, Philip Wray requests Sarah Jane's "father to take the property in trust for her & her child..." No other record of issue from this marriage. "Child" could have been fetus or infant; assume it did not long survive. [Cf Wray's note for citation]

26 May 1847: Philip Wray buys 1018 1/2 acres adjoining land of JWG. She & husb may have moved to TX abt this time. They were gone b/4 1850, prob living in Montgomery AL, since her father became agent for their land.

23 April 1851: Husb shot & killed in New Orleans.

1852 Wharton Co Tax Roll: John W Gordon, agt for "Ray:" 1107 acres; no slaves; total value $8850. This was land Wray himself bought in 1848; JWG Sr did not give land to Sarah until 1856.

2 yrs aft Wray killed she m Dr. Rives & continued to live in Montgomery. (1st child b there 10 mo aft wedding.) Continued to own above "Wray tract" in TX.

1855 Wharton Co Tax Roll: JW Gordon Sr, agt for SJ Rives, held 1111 acres worth $11,110. No slaves.

1856 " " " " JW Gordon Jr, Agent for WH Rives, held 1107 acres worth $13,284 & 15 Negroes worth $7500.

7 Jan 1856: John W Gordon Sr conveyed 1297 acres (Lot 2 in his division of League 3) to Sarah Jane [Wharton Co Deed Book B, Deed 596].

2nd husb expanded TX holdings thru 1856 purchase from Jesse S Gordon of land JWG Sr had given him. (Listing of JWG Sr & Jr as "agents" indicates the Rives were

absentee landlords thru all these yrs.)

1857-59 Wharton Co Tax Rolls: JW Gordon Jr, Agent for WH Rives, held 2769 acres worth $33,228 & 9 Negroes worth $5400.

ibid, 1858: JWG Jr still agent (& would be thru 1860): 2769 acres; 20 Negroes; total value $43,918.

ibid, 1859: 1107 acres; 24 Negroes; total value $72,220.

ibid, 1860: 3100 acres; 33 Negroes; total value $99,930.

[Did not find in 1861-64 tax rolls.]

ibid, 1865: RHD Sorrel for Mrs. Reeves (sic): 550 acres; total value $4400.

[Not in 1866 tax roll]

ibid, 1867: RHD Sorrel for Mrs Sarah Rives; 2760 acres; total value $27,780.

[Not in 1868-69 tax rolls]

ibid, 1870: RHD Sorrel for Mrs SF Reeves (sic), 2260 acres; total value $4420.

ibid, 1871: SJ Rives, 3220 acres; $6090.

ibid, 1872: JH Rogers, agent for SJ Rives: 2260 acres; $4260.

ibid, 1876: Mrs ME Sorrel, agent for SJ Rives: 1660 acres; $4320.

ibid, 1878: Estate of Sarah J Rives included Rives Tract of 1660 acres worth $9960 & Ray (sic) Tract of 1111 acres worth $5555.

[Cannot explain wild variations in acreage, but some must have been due to different accounting for land given to her by her father (Rives Tract) & land purchased by her 1st husb (Ray Tract).]

She was always referred to in Wicks family as "Aunt Janie."

Other marriages:
3 Mar 1853 William Henry RIVES Doctor-717 MRIN: 200

CHILD 5 - Jesse Sanford GORDON-713

B date est from 1850 Census (age 20 given 2x). 1860 Census gives age 35, but this would make him older than sisters Martha & Sarah. Since he was definitely in father's household in 1850 & both sisters had long since married, believe 1850 Census age more trustworthy.

1850 Census: Jesse listed in both of JWG's households (Matagorda & Wharton); occupation farmer.

3 Dec 1851 m Sarah Ann (or Sarah Jane?) Duncan at Christ Episcopal Church,

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Matagorda [Matagorda Co Marriage Bond; Matagorda Co Marriages, Vol A, TX State Archives, Austin, definitely says Sarah ANN. JMF says "another notation" gives date 25 Dec 1851.] Rector was DD Flower.

1852: Appeared in Matagorda Co Tax Roll for 1st time. Owned no land; 2 negroes valued at $1600, 4 horses, carriage & other property w/ total value $2480.

8 Oct 1853: Indicted w/ others in card-playing affair that apparently led to death of Bennett Bell [cf his note].

1853 Matagorda Co Tax Roll: owned 4214 acres, 26 Negroes, 20 horses w/ total value $30,756. [These vast lands, suddenly acquired, were most likely gift from his new father-in-law, wealthy John Duncan.]

1854-64 Matagorda Co Tax Rolls: owned 4214 acres w/ Negroes numbering as high as 52. Total value of property in 1864: $73,190.

7 Jan 1856: JWG conveyed to son Jesse S Gordon "of Wharton Co" for $100 his Lot 3 (1315 acres) + 38 slaves. Same day Jesse mortgaged all land & slaves back to his father to secure $3000 loan to be repaid by 1 Jan 1860 at 8% [Wharton Co Deed Book B-1, p 86]. On 11 July JSG "of Matagorda Co" sold same 1315 acres to Wm H Rives, 2nd husb of his sis Sarah Jane, for $19,750. [JMF thinks he must have been released from mortgage in order to pay off loan to JWG from proceeds of this sale. Wharton Co Deed Book B, p 106]

Oct 1859: Sued by Giraud (sp?) for debt default [Matagorda Co Dist Court, Book B, pp 178, 264, 286, 344, 362]

1860 Census Matagorda Co, Hardeman PO, TX (enum 12 Aug): Jesse S Gordon 35, planter, real est value $110,000; personal property $38,000, b GA; Sally Gordon 30, b AL; Duncan 6, b TX.

June 1861: He enlisted as pvt in Caney Rifles, Mounted Co, Matagorda County, 22nd Brigade, TX Militia, commanded by Capt Edw S Rugeley. He was listed only on muster roll for June. (Only other Co muster roll dated 28 July 1861.) [TX State Archives info in Gordon File] Nothing more known of military or civilian activities until Return of the Post at San Antonio TX June 1864 lists him as Capt Jesse S Gordon, commanding Co G, Benavidas' Regt, Texas Cavalry. In July he was commanding Post; "relieved Col CL Pyron." But in Aug-Sept 1864 he is listed as "absent; in charge of civil authority." Nothing in file aft Sept 1864 altho many other men's files include copies of their Paroles as POWs when Regt surrendered at San Antonio 17 Aug 1865. [Microfilm roll 185, National Archives] [Do not know significance of JSL not being listed aft Sept 1864 when he "was in charge of civil authority." This could mean he was transferred to some responsible civilian role -- or it could mean he was under arrest. Unfortunately, Civil War service records are so spotty cannot be sure he did not serve aft Sept 1864.]

1865-6 Matagorda Co Tax Rolls: owned 4214 acres. "Negroes" no longer on tax form. Total value of property had fallen to $36,560.

D date est from fact his name disappeared from Matagorda Co Tax Rolls between

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1866 & 1867. In 1867 Roll same property (4214 acres) was listed under Mrs JS Gordon. According to family lore, he drowned.

CHILD 6 - John Wheeler GORDON Jr.-714

B yr est from 1850 Census (ages 18 & 19) & 1870 Mortality Schedule which gave age at death (Oct 1869) as 38. (In Census was in father's household, student, attended school during yr.)

1853: On 25 June Wharton Co Tax Roll lists Gordon, McCamly & Co owning house lot (location?) worth $1500 w/ $5000 worth of "merchandise aboard" on 1 Jan. Jan. Mar-Oct: In Matagorda Co District Court JW Gordon sued by RGD Mills for debt default [Minute Book B, pp 22,76]; by State of TX (reason?) [ibid, pp 44,55,59]. Gordon, McCamley & Co sued by Thos Smith for debt default [ibid, pp scattered 140-332]. Thus by age 21-2 he was in business w/ future father-in-law &/or member(s) of that family.

8 Oct 1853: JWG indicted along w/ others in card-playing affair that apparently led to Bennett Bell's d [cf his note]. 10 Oct: JWG pleaded guilty; jury fined $10.

1854: JWG Jr living in town of Matagorda. Undated doc in Matagorda Co Courthouse [MWF reported in letter to JMF 18 Oct 1972] describes lot b/n "Fisher & Matagorda Sts in Matagorda Town...where John W Gordon presently resides." 23 Dec 1854: JWG of Matagorda Co sells "SW 1/3 of Block #5 & Bay Tier" & "lots #1 & #6 in Block 5, Tier #1, Matagorda, front of said town" for $1025.

4 Oct 1855: Gordon, McCamley & Co sued by JL Lawson for debt default [Matagorda Co District Court Minute Book B, p 146].

22 Nov 1855: married Frances A McCamley [Matagorda Co Marriages, vol A, TX State Archives; Wharton Co Marriage Bond]. Since McCamley family lived in Matagorda Co, assume m ceremony held there. NOTE: Family name often spelled "McCambly" or "McCamly."

1855 Wharton Co Tax Roll: JWG Jr owned 23 Negroes valued at $13,800 & misc. property incl watch, buggy & wagon; NO land.

7 Jan 1856: John W Gordon Sr conveyed to JWG Jr 1155 acres on left bank of Colorado River NW of & adjoining larger tract Sr had divided among his 4 other children. (EM & Camilla Sanford were his nearest neighbors.) This land extended along what is now Farm Rd 102 to town of Glen Flora & up to hamlet of Spanish Camp. Site of "manor house" prob built by JWG Sr was at NW corner of this lot. Shortly thereafter Jr leased this land back to Sr as security against a $3000 loan. [Wharton Co Deed Book B-1, Deeds 598-600] Cf JMF's "Summary of Gordon/Sanford/Rives/Sorrel Land Transactions," 18 Nov 1994, in Gordon/Sanford File for maps of this transaction.

1856 Wharton Co Tax Roll: JWG Jr owned 1107 acres, 44 Negroes; total val property $36,605. JWG Jr, Agent for WH Rives, held 1107 acres worth $13,284, & 15 Negroes worth $7500.

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ibid, 1857: JWG Jr owned 1333 acres, 40 Negroes; total value property $41,958. As agent for Reeves (sic) held 2769 acres, 9 Negroes, total value $39,566.

ibid, 1858: JWG Jr owned 1370 acres, 53 Negroes; total value $46,055. As agent for WH Rives held 2769 acres & 20 Negroes; total value $43,918.

ibid, 1859: JWG Jr owned 1343 acres, 55 Negroes; total value $69,660. As agent for WH Rives held another 3107 acres & 24 Negroes; total value $72,220.

4 Oct 1859: Property JWG Jr sold in Matagorda in 1854 reverted back to him by deed this date [Matagorda Co Deed Book J, pp 213-4].

1860 Wharton Co Tax Roll: JWG Jr owned 1347 acres; 54 Negroes; total value $74,675. As agent for WH Rives: 3100 acres; 33 Negroes; total value $99,930.

1860 Census: Careful search of ALL names on original census forms for Wharton & Matagorda Cos by RKF failed to find either JW Gordon Jr & family or JW Gordon Sr. Latter had prob left TX, but JWG Jr & family were certainly there. They must somehow have been missed by census-taker.

June 1861: Enlisted as pvt (along w/ bro Jesse) in Caney Rifles, Mounted Co, Matagorda County, 22nd Brigade, TX Militia, commanded by Capt Edw S Rugeley. Only 2 muster rolls for this 64 man unit in TX State Archives, June & July 1861. JWG Jr listed only in 1st one.

30 Jan 1863: Enlisted as pvt (along w/ bro-in-law RHD Sorrel) in Company of 3 Month State Troops, 22nd Brigade, unattached CSA, commanded by Capt JF Baker. This 68 man unit was "mostly undrilled," had few arms, no uniforms. "Company allowed to return home to subsist themselves w/o pay & to drill weekly until called into active service." Only 2 muster rolls (30 Jan & 28 Feb 1863) suggests men were mustered into Confederate Army early in 1863.

[NOTE: Consolidated List of Men Who Served in Confederate Army (National Archives) shows 21 men named John W Gordon, but only 1 from TX: Pvt JW Gordon Co C, 6th TX Cavalry (Microfilm 323, Roll 38). He enlisted at Dallas 10 Sept 1861. Last of 3 muster rolls in his file (July-Aug 1862) states: "Absent sick at Bentonville, Ark, from 6 Nov 1861. Has never since been heard of. Considered as dead or deserted." It's possible that JWG Jr could have journeyed to Dallas after his brief service in Militia, enlisted there & served 2 mo in 6th Cavalry b/4 becoming sick in AR, deserted, & re-enlisted in Militia in Jan 1863. However, this seems unlikely scenario. Would have been more likely for him to have followed RHDS into Baylor's Cavalry, & CSA service records are so spotty he might have. Most likely he saw no further military service. As owner of >20 slaves, he was exempted by law from CSA draft.]

June 1863: Fannie A & John W Gordon applied for partition & distribution of estate of her father & received generous settlement, particularly 2878 acres in Bexar Co [cf wife's note #722].

Wharton Co Tax Rolls 1861-64: JWG Jr owned same 1347 acres each yr; no. Negroes increased from 65 to 79. Total val of property in 1864 $92,753.

1865 Wharton Co Tax Roll (not dated): JW Gordon (prob Jr because he pd poll tax) owned 1337 acres. "Negroes" no longer on tax form. Total value of property had falled to $23,030.

9 Dec 1865: Last land transaction by JWG Sr in Wharton Co: JWG Sr to JWG Jr, life estate in tract in Wharton Co on E bank of Colorado River, out of Kuykendall League, containing 1381 acres w/o "power of selling, disposing of or in any manner encumbering the same, & for the love & affection I have for Martha A. Gordon, John W Gordon & Frederick Clarence Gordon, the heirs...of John W Gordon Jr." [Wharton Co Deed Book B, p 737. Way in which his father gave this land; i.e., ensuring his son could not sell or hock it, suggests JWG Sr did not trust JWG Jr financial management--which this record certainly confirms!]

Above land is apparently same tract JWG Jr was listed as owning on Tax Rolls since 1856 because next yr's Tax Roll (1866) lists JWG SR owning 1370 acres worth $20,550 & JWG JR owning NO land & other property valued at only $4370. 1867 Tax Roll listed JWG Jr, as agent for his father, holding 1347 acres worth $19,460. Cf JWG Sr note #709 for possible explanation.

22 April 1866: JWG Jr "of Wharton Co" mortgaged property that reverted back to him in 1859 "together w/ all dwelling houses & all buildings & improvements theron" to Dr Gerard Alexander as security against $2669 note at 10%, to be paid off 1 Jan 1867.

26 April 1866: JWG Jr defendant in 12 suits, all for default of debt, in Wharton Co District Court. "Defendant failed to appear & ordered to pay." [Minute Book B, pp 217-232] In another suit (date not recorded by Moye), MA & G Sorrel (Martha & son Gordon) sued JW & F[annie] Gordon, also apparently for default [Minute Book D, p 68]. JWG Jr appears once as plaintiff: against Sarah Gordon (Jesse's wife; date & reason not recorded by Moye) [Minute Book C, p 328].

JW Gordon SR died in 1868 & tract he owned in 1866-7 evidentally reverted (perhaps by bequest?) to JWG Jr. 1868 Wharton Co Tax Roll: "JW Gordon Jr for Estate of JW Gordon Sr:" 1387 acres worth $4498. 1869 Wharton Co Tax Roll showed JW Gordon owning 1333 acres. Total value of his property had now fallen to $2456!

Oct 1869: "Gordon, John W, Wharton Co, age 38, b GA, murdered." [TX 1870 Mortality, RV Jackson, Ed, AISI, Inc, 1983] According to info MWF found under "References in TX Newspapers" in TX State Archives, Austin [but neither she nor I (in 199) could find actual story in search of papers] he was killed at Caney Creek, near Matagorda. [Caney Creek is dry stream bed, prob old course of Colorado River, that courses thru Wharton & Matagorda Cos.] Nothing else known of circumstances or killer(s). Following description from 1952 obit of JWG's nephew Marcial Sorrel purportedly was of Marcial's bro "Frenchie's" murder, but more likely was of JWG Jr's (if it is true at all; location obviously wrong): "His older brother was shot & killed while riding across a field near Savannah, killed by the ragtag & bobtail that followed close on the heels of the Union Army. The body of the murdered man & the carcas (sic) of the horse he was riding were burned where they fell in the field."

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[Thus JWG Jr was another victim of the violent Southern culture, which became even moreso in the disorder following the War. Cf note on his nephew "Frenchie" Sorrel #476 for documentation.]

Buried in family cemetery on Sorrel Plantation [cf RHD Sorrel #474 note for details].

CHILD 7 - William S. GORDON-4520

B date est from reported age at d (15 in April, 1850)

"Wharton County. Gordon, WS (student), 15, male, born GA. D April [1850], Typhoid fever, duration 28 d." [1850 Mortality Schedules of TX, transcribed by F Woods, Austin 1965.]

He was prob buried in family plot on Sorrel Plantation but not specifically mentioned in letter quoted in note on RHD Sorrel #474 (cf for details).

Letter 12 May 1850 from James Gardner Jr, nephew of Martha Cook Sanford Gordon, to her expresses sympathy on "bitter loss you have met with in the death of your youngest son...William." Written from "Jackson Hill," prob in Milledgeville GA. It also contains family gossip, mentioning many names. Interesting acct of how Green [prob Green H. Jordan, husb of Elizabeth Taylor Sanford (1796-1858)] "had gone to Montgomery, & went thence to New Orleans & from there up the Mississippi, around to New York by the Lakes, & got back home only 3 days ago." [Transcript in Gordon File]

CHILD 8 - Camilla M. GORDON-715

B. date est. from ages given in 1850 Census Matagorda & Wharton Cos, TX, 13 & 14; 1860 Census (cf. Eugene Sanford #771), 24.

Completed her education at "Lexington" in late 1852 or early 1853. Letter 26 Feb 1853 from John WA Sanford, Jr to his "Dear Grandmother" [Blount]: "Uncle Gordon [John W. Gordon] passed here on his way to Georgia a few days ago...His stay in Georgia will be short for he expects to meet Aunt [Martha Cook Sanford Gordon] in Orleans (on her way from Kentucky to Texas) in a few days. They will carry with them Camilla, their youngest child, who has just completed her education at Lexington."

M. her 1st cousin 13 Dec 1854 (Marriage Bond, Baldwin Co. Ga.). Rev. Sam'l Talmage ("Judge" in letter in Eugene Sanford notes?) officiated. Sometime in next 12 mo they moved to join both of their families in Wharton Co, TX.

Portrait of her as young woman (color copy in Gordon/Sanford file) shows she was quite beautiful.

7 Jan 1856: John W Gordon of Wharton Co "in consideration of the natural love & affection which I bear to my daughter Camilla M Sanford, wife of Eugene M Sanford," of Wharton Co, for $100 conveys to her 1195 acres (Lot 1) of his plantation + 41 slaves. [Wharton Co Deed Book B, p 89] She & husb immediately mortgaged land back to her father to secure $3000 loan [ibid, p 91].

On this land they built stately, high-ceilinged, 2 story house,"Glen Flora,"

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1 mi N of intersection of FM 102 & FM 640 near Spanish Camp. Historical marker states it was "built by a Mr Sanford, 1860-1866." [Unlikely it was built during Civil War & certainly not immediately after War. They prob built it b/n 1856-1861 (cf husb's note). Freymann bros & Frank Sorrel Jr explored it Oct 1992. It was deserted, hidden in dense undergrowth, & literally falling apart. 2 porch pillars fallen; porch collapsing. In 1993, what was left burned to ground. Freymann bros & wives explored again in 1994. 1967 newspaper photo, 1992 & 1994 photos in Sanford/Gordon File.]

26 April 1866: they sold their 1195 acres & Glen Flora for $12,000 to Louisa J Millican [Wharton Co Deed Book B-1, p 592]. This may have been forced by 2 suits for debt default brought against them that same month (cf husb's note 771). Or perhaps they sold in anticipation of leaving. Whatever the reason, they decided in 1st months after War ended to start life over again in CA.

According to family lore, she & Eugene went around Cape Horn to reach Calif. in 1867. [This could have been "steamer route" mentioned in Eugene's bio (cf. #771 notes). Perhaps more likely "steamer route" meant steamer to Panama, crossing Isthmus by Panama Railroad (opened in 1855), thence by steamer to San Francisco.]

19 Mar 1890 [letter from M(?)GS Gardner in Augusta GA to "My Dear Cousin"] sends sympathy on d of Camilla's husb. "Cousin Mattie [must be Martha Sorrel] is home with you..." indicates how close only 2 survivors of JWG's family remained until they died. [Transcript in Gordon File; contains many Sanford family references & JMF's analysis of who some of them were.]

D. 20 May 1894 in Wharton Co. TX & was buried in Sorrel plot in Wharton City Cemetery. She was intestate & still resident of CA. [Quite likely she was visiting her sis Martha.] Her estate documents are in Case #626, 12 June 1894, Superior Court Records, LA County Archives. These have NOT been examined & should be.

Letters of Administration, 20 May 1894, Wicks & Wicks & McDonald of LA, petitioners, request that Martha E Sorrel, only surviving sis of Camilla G Sanford, be appointed executrix. Martha Sorrel so appointed 6 July 1894. [Baldwin Co Minute Book, 1892, p 123]

11 Sept 1894: Wm. H. Rives, thru atty, John W. Sanford, petitions to be made Admin. of Camilla's estate. Names as next of kin: W.H.Rives, Geo. Rives, Mattie Rives, J.G.Rives, Duncan Gordon, Mrs. Mattie H. Huston & Clarence Gordon, all nephews & nieces, plus James Gordon & Camilla Gordon, grand nephew & grand niece. [Baldwin Co, GA Records]

3 (10?) Dec 1894: Martha E. Sorrel appt. Admin. & given permission to sell 925 acres on E. side of Oconee River in Baldwin Co, GA. Camilla also owned 1,150 acres in Laurens Co [S of Baldwin Co].

1898: Martha Sorrel d; because Camilla's estate not yet closed, W.R.Bell petitions that he be appointed executor.

OTHER CHILDREN OF JESSE SANFORD

MARY G. (m. THOMAS MOUGHON)

ELIZABETH T. (m. GREENE H. JORDAN)

JOHN WILLIAM AUGUSTUS

THOMAS GOODWYN

EMILY EPPS (m. BENJAMIN S. JORDAN)

ADOLPHUS M.

CAMILLA D. (m. 1) WM. L. BUNKLEY
2) PEARLEY S. GERALD

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HUSBAND Thomas MOUGHON-4828
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BORN:                    PLACE:
CHR.:                    PLACE:
DIED:                    PLACE:
BUR.:                    PLACE:
MARR:                    PLACE: ,,GA
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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WIFE   Mary G. SANFORD-753
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BORN:   Bef   1796       PLACE: ,Dinwiddie,VA
CHR.:                    PLACE:
DIED:   Bef   1850       PLACE:
BUR.:                    PLACE:
FATHER: Jesse SANFORD Captain-749                                              PARENTS' MRIN: 209
MOTHER: Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Ann T. V. MOUGHON-4856
---- BORN:         1815       PLACE:
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: James Willingham MOUGHON-4857
---- BORN:                    PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Henrietta S. MOUGHON-4858
---- BORN:                    PLACE:
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: Maria Sanford MOUGHON-4829
---- BORN: Bef    1818        PLACE: ,,GA
 F   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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HUSBAND Thomas MOUGHON-4828                                                                                    Yr of Birth
WIFE    Mary G. SANFORD-753                                                                                    Yr of Birth 1796
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: William S. MOUGHON-4859
---- BORN:                    PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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 6.  NAME: Thomas H. MOUGHON-4860
---- BORN:                    PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE:
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     MARR:                    PLACE:
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HUSBAND Thomas MOUGHON-4828 Yr of Birth
WIFE Mary G. SANFORD-753 Yr of Birth 1796

HUSBAND - Thomas MOUGHON-4828

In 1828 he bought house in Fortville, Jones Co, GA, built by Daniel Pratt which is said to have rivaled elegance of those of his wife's sisters, Martha Gordon & Emily Jordan. It has been demolished. [Banks: cf note #749 for citation]

He was administrator of Jesse Sanford's estate in 1827 & named guardian of his 3 minor children, Emily, Camilla & Adolphus. At Camilla's request, John W Gordon was named her guardian.

NB: MWF copied will of a Kenneth Gordon witnessed by Thos Moughan in "Greensboro, Putnam Co" (Greensboro is county seat of Green Co, which she had crossed out; cf pg 13 in her 7 May 1969 notes in file). If this is the same Thos Moughan, this may be a clue to a link b/n our Gordons & what MWF called "the Wilksboro Gordons." Cf her note for more names of the latter.

WIFE - Mary G. SANFORD-753

JMF give b place Dinwiddie Co, VA. This seems unlikely if mother's family had moved to GA & parents were m in GA. [Cf notes #749 & 750]

Names & b order of her children from JMF

CHILD 1 - Ann T. V. MOUGHON-4856

She m Benjamin H Rutherford. Children: Thomas B & Martha E. [per JMF]

CHILD 2 - James Willingham MOUGHON-4857

CHILD 3 - Henrietta S. MOUGHON-4858

She m Joseph Bond

CHILD 4 - Maria Sanford MOUGHON-4829

She m Capt Jeremiah Beall. Children: James & Jesse Sanford Beall

CHILD 5 - William S. MOUGHON-4859

He m Ann B LaMar

CHILD 6 - Thomas H. MOUGHON-4860

He m Camilla M Stovell in Baldwin Co, GA, 1 June 1839.

Elizabeth Taylor Sanford

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HUSBAND Greene Hill JORDAN-4830
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BORN:   Abt    1789     PLACE: ,,GA
CHR.:                   PLACE:
DIED:                   PLACE:
BUR.:                   PLACE:
MARR:                   PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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WIFE    Elizabeth Taylor SANFORD-766
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BORN:    4 Aug 1796     PLACE: ,,GA
CHR.:                   PLACE:
DIED:    4 Jun 1858     PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
BUR.:                   PLACE:
FATHER: Jesse SANFORD Captain-749                                     PARENTS' MRIN: 209
MOTHER: Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Jesse John JORDAN-4831
---- BORN: Bef    1818      PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED:                  PLACE:
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                  PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Burwell JORDAN-4861
---- BORN:        1821      PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED:                  PLACE:
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                  PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Greene J. JORDAN-4862
---- BORN:        1830      PLACE: ,,GA
 M   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED:                  PLACE:
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                  PLACE:
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 4.  NAME:
---- BORN:                  PLACE:
     CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED:                  PLACE:
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HUSBAND	Greene Hill JORDAN-4830	Yr of Birth 1789
WIFE	Elizabeth Taylor SANFORD-766	Yr of Birth 1796

HUSBAND - Greene Hill JORDAN-4830

1850 Census, Baldwin Co, GA: Green H Jordan, 61, farmer; Elizabeth 53; Green I (or J), 20, all b GA.

In 1820s Daniel Pratt built "Westover" a few mi. NW of Milledgeville for him -- another of the Sanford sisters' beautiful mansions. It has been razed but was photographed in 1930s by Historical American Buildings Survey [Banks; cf note #749 for citation].

WIFE - Elizabeth Taylor SANFORD-766

Names & b dates of her children from JMF

CHILD 1 - Jesse John JORDAN-4831

CHILD 2 - Burwell JORDAN-4861

CHILD 3 - Greene J. JORDAN-4862

John Wm. Augustus Sanford

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-214

HUSBAND John William Augustus SANFORD General-754

BORN: 25 Aug 1798 PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 12 Sep 1870 PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
BUR.: PLACE: Memory Hill Cem.,Milledgeville,GA
MARR: 29 May 1822 PLACE:
FATHER: Jesse SANFORD Captain-749 PARENTS' MRIN: 209
MOTHER: Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750

WIFE Marianne Ridley BLOUNT-770

BORN: 18 Apr 1802 PLACE: ,Southampton,VA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 6 Aug 1879 PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
BUR.: PLACE: Memory Hill Cem.,Milledgeville,GA
FATHER: Richard Augustus BLOUNT Colonel-3457 PARENTS' MRIN: 996
MOTHER: Mary Edmunds DAWSON-3458

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Richard Augustus SANFORD-4873
---- BORN: 31 Mar 1823 PLACE: ,,GA
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 10 Nov 1823 PLACE: ,,GA
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME: John William Augustus SANFORD Jr.-4872
---- BORN: 30 Nov 1825 PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 7 Aug 1913 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Sallie Maria TAYLOR-4877 MRIN: 1353
MARR: 7 Mar 1860 PLACE:

3. NAME: Jesse SANFORD-4874
---- BORN: 30 Dec 1827 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1 Jul 1828 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME: Richard Henry SANFORD-4875
---- BORN: 7 May 1829 PLACE: ,,GA
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 8 Jul 1841 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

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HUSBAND John William Augustus SANFORD General-754                                                      Yr of Birth 1798
WIFE    Marianne Ridley BLOUNT-770                                                                      Yr of Birth 1802
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: Eugene Mandeville SANFORD General-771
---- BORN: 10 Oct 1833         PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED:  6 Mar 1890         PLACE: Santa Fe Springs,Los Angeles,CA
     BUR.:                     PLACE: Evergreen Cem.,Los Angeles,CA
     SPOUSE: Camilla M. GORDON-715                                                               MRIN: 215
     MARR: 13 Dec 1854         PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
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 6.  NAME: Theodore Gordon SANFORD-4876
---- BORN: 30 Aug 1835         PLACE: ,,GA
 M   CHR.:                     PLACE:
     DIED: 15 Dec 1896         PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
     BUR.:                     PLACE: Memory Hill Cem.,Milledgeville,GA
     SPOUSE: Mary SANFORD-4879                                                                   MRIN: 1354
     MARR: 13 Jan 1863         PLACE:
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HUSBAND - John William Augustus SANFORD General-754

B date from gravestone, variously interpreted by MWF as 25,27,28, or 29 Aug
D date similarly confused: 9,12, or 14 Sept. Age given 72 yrs, 13 or 18 d.

Spacious mansion (Sanford-Powell-Binion-Mara House), built abt 1825, which still stands in Milledgeville, was catty-corner from Blount-Parks-Mara House, built abt 1818, which now stands behind the Sanford House. This may have been built for him at abt time of his marriage but may have been built by his father [cf father Jesse's note #749].

EW Smith p 137 [cf James Thweatt #4850 for citation] says he attended Yale College. Was aide-de-camp to Gen Floyd in controversy b/n him & Pres JQ Adams in 1827. (I don't know what this was.)

"In 1831 he was agent at Scudder's Cherokee Frontier, appointed under act to provide for temporary disposal of improvement & possessions purchased from Cherokee Indians & others permitted to live there." [MWF letter 15 May 1969 in JMF files] [This refers to consequences of acts passed by GA legislature b/n 1828 & 1830 which extended GA state jurisdiction over lands which, under Holston Treaty of 1791, had been guaranteed to Cherokee Nation. GA legislature directed these lands be distributed to whites by lottery. Encyclopedia Americana, vol 6, pp 415-8]

Elected major-general by GA Legislature & commanded GA troops in Creek War of 1836. Was later Secy of State of GA. [EW Smith, p 137]

1850 Census, Baldwin Co, GA: John WA Sanford, 50, farmer; Marianne, 46; John WA, 23, Eugene M, 16, Theodore, 14; all b GA

He served in Co H, 4th GA Infantry, CSA, per tombstone. [A former general serving in an infantry company? At age 61 when war began, he would have been unusually old for military service anyway. Note son Theodore Gordon Sanford #4876 served in same company. Did MWF confuse them?}

Mary R. (Mrs. Robert) Sanford was admistratrix of his estate, 29 Dec 1870. [Baldwin Co Minute Book 1852-70, p 542] Relationship?

WIFE - Marianne Ridley BLOUNT-770

John WA Sanford's Bible states she was "of VA," as does her tombstone. Sanford File, AL State Archives, says she was brought to GA at age 1; educated at Warrenton, NC, site of "famous female school under charge of Mr Mordicai." Only child of her parents, she would have been living w/ them at age 4 when father owned extensive properties in Hancock Co.

Above explains how 20 yr-old Marianne met Georgian husb, but JMF says her parents died back in Southampton Co, VA, where she was born [cf Richard Blount note #3457]. Did they REALLY migrate south & then return to home county later?

B & d info from gravestone. Age at d 77 yrs, 3 mo, 19 d

CHILD 1 - Richard Augustus SANFORD-4873

HUSBAND John William Augustus SANFORD General-754 Yr of Birth 1798
WIFE Marianne Ridley BLOUNT-770 Yr of Birth 1802

CHILD 2 - John William Augustus SANFORD Jr.-4872

In letter addressed to "Dear Grandmother" [Blount] dated Cambridge, 11 July 1849, gave address as Harvard Law School. Referring to Judge Parker, head of the School: "He hs no more manners than a drayman. I am reminded that you say low breeding sticks as close as the leporosy."

6 April 1861: wrote Grandmother Blount from Montgomery, AL, that he was a candidate for the Confederate Congress.

19 June 1877(9?): wrote his mother on stationery of Alabama Atty General; mentioned wife Sally, son John.

[Above copied from MWF note of 7 May 1969 in file.]

CHILD 3 - Jesse SANFORD-4874

CHILD 4 - Richard Henry SANFORD-4875

This was 3rd of John & Marianne's 1st 4 children (all sons) to d in childhood.

CHILD 5 - Eugene Mandeville SANFORD General-771

B & m dates from family Bible of John W.A.Sanford in State Archives, Montgomery, AL. (Nancy Lucas to JMF).

1850 Census Baldwin Co. Ga: John W.A.Sanford, farmer, 50; Marianne S, 46; John W.A, 23; Eugene M, 16; Theodore, 14; all b GA.

Attended Oglethorpe U, 1st. Grad. as valedictorian of his class, Union College, Schenectady, NY, 27 July 1853. In letter to bro John from college 2 June 1853 expresses gratitude he was sent away. "I am mortified to think I should have spent so many of my precious moments w/ a girl who is so homely & so common. I have escaped a transaction which if I had entered into it would have damned me forever. When I return home she will be known to your brother only as Miss Mitchell & not Ada." [Note his paternal grandmother was Martha Mitchell. Could Ada Mitchell have been related?]

On return to Milledgeville studied medicine for few months.

M. his 1st cousin Camilla, who lived in adjoining Jones Co, 13 Dec 1854. Letter from bro John to "Dear [maternal] Grandmother Blount" 21 Dec 1854: "My brother Eugene has married a most estimable girl. The more I see of her, the more I am convinced that he has married the girl of all others for him. So far as I am concerned, Judge could not have married one with whom I could have been more pleased. He & his wife are out at Dr. Rives [Camilla's sis Sarah Jane Gordon Rives, who lived in Montgomery AL, ancestor of Nancy Lucas] at present."

Moved to TX shortly after marriage, prob abt time JW Gordon gave land to Camilla in Jan 1856. Appeared in Wharton Co Tax Roll for 1st time in 1856, owning 1107 acres val at $13,284 & 42 Negroes val at $21,000. Paid poll tax $1.

Wharton Co Tax Rolls 1857-61: owned same land; no. of Negroes incr to 66. Total val property in 1861 $60,590. Prob during these yrs built "Glen Flora" [cf wife's note 715].

1860 Census Wharton Co. TX: E.M.Sandford (sic), 26, planter, real est. val. $30,000, pers. prop. val. $70,000, b GA; C.M.Sandford (sic), 24, b GA.

July 1861: Enlisted as 4th Sgt, Home Guards, Reserve Cavalry Co, Wharton County, TX State Troops. (His cousin Benjamin enlisted at same time as pvt.) Only 1 muster roll for this 50 man Co in TX State Archives so duration of service not known, prob only few months at most. As owner of 20 slaves, he was exempt by law from CSA draft.

Consolidated List of Men Who Served in Confederate Army in National Archives contains no Eugene or Benjamin Sanford but there were 2 Sanfords without 1st names who served in TX units. All regimental return cards for _____ Sanford, Sgt, Co D, 33rd TX Cavalry, May-Aug 1864, contain same note: "Detached service, Green's Rocket Battery, April 30/64." [Known from another source a "Lt. AWH Sanford" joined this battery abt same time. This might possible have been Eugene's bro JWA Sanford. Cf "Civil War & Its Aftermath in Texas" in Gordon/Sanford file.] Close relationship b/n 33rd Cavalry & Benavidas' Regt TX Cavalry (cf above reference & Sorrel/Gordon Notes, p 16 for details) suggests "Sgt. Sanford" may have been either Eugene or Benjamin. Their cousin Jesse Sanford Gordon was capt in Benavidas' Regt. Regimental return card for ______ Sanford, Pvt, Co G, Bourland's TX Cavalry, July 1864, contains notation: "Absent...To lay in supplies for his family." [No way to tell if this man was Eugene or Benjamin or another Sanford, possibly Wm or James?]

Thus cannot be sure whether or not Eugene had any military service aft 1861. Note his general's commission was political, given many yrs later in CA (cf below).

1862 Wharton County Tax Roll: owned same 1107 acres; 64 Negroes; total val property $64,145.

ibid, 1863-64: acreage increased to 1111; Negroes to 70; total value in 1864 $81,660.

ibid 1865: owned 1111 acres; total val property had fallen to $20,270. ("Negroes" no longer on tax form.) Last time listed on tax rolls.

April 1866 (? Moye did not record date): EM Sanford defendant in 2 suits for debt default [Wharton Co District Court Minute Book B, pp 254, 269.] Sold all property 26 April (cf wife's note 715). Quite likely this suit & sale were connected.

"In 1867 he [& Camilla, they had no children] came, by steamer route, to California, & landed in San Francisco, where he lived for a short time, after which he came to Los Angeles County & purchased 500 acres of the ex-Governor Downey tract, where he has made vast imporvements & where he has one of the most beautiful locations for a home that can be found within the bounds of the county. This is known as the 'Sunny Side Rancho,' & from the residence, among

HUSBAND John William Augustus SANFORD General-754 Yr of Birth 1798
WIFE Marianne Ridley BLOUNT-770 Yr of Birth 1802

the evergreens, one has a magnificent view over fertile valleys & fruitful fields....At this time [1889] there are about 400 acres of his farm in small grain, and the fine horses, cattle, etc., that he raises all go to show that he is a leader in this industry. In 1876...William Irvin, Governor of California, [commissioned him] Brigadier-General of the First Brigade, National Guards....[He was nominated] to the Senate by the Democratic party in 1879." (From "Illustrated History of LA County," 1884, p 800.) [Cf. Oct 1991 notes on LA in Wicks/Jarvis Genealogy Notes for exact location of Sunnyside, background on it & surrounding estates, & present status of this land. Photos of area, past & present, in Gordon/Sanford file.]

10 Sept 1879: Letter from bro JWA Sanford to bro Theodore Sanford: "I fear from the Telegrams that Eugene has been defeated. They indicate that the Radicals & Hoodlums have full control of the State." [Refers to above nomination]

Town where he purchased land was originally Fulton Wells; renamed Santa Fe Springs abt 1886 when Santa Fe RR built main line thru town ["From Fulton Wells to Santa Fe Springs," J. DaRold, pamphlet, in Gordon/Sanford file].

8 Mar 1889: Letter to M. Ridley Sanford, Blountsville, Jones Co, GA, asking "My dear niece" for news of herself & Eugene (these were 2 children of bro Theodore #4876). "Your Aunt (Camilla) is recovering. Her hair is perfectly white. My hair is black w/ a sprinkling of gray. My beard is quite white."

1 April 1889: (same addressee) "Your Aunt Camilla suffers from nervousness. ...Doctor says it is not good for her to write. She does not even wirte her sister Martha Sorrel." [All 3 of these letters copied in MWF notes of 7 May 1969 in Gordon/Sanford file.]

He is b. in Evergreen Cemetery near the Wicks family plot.

His estate papers (Case #149, 3 May 1893) are in Superior Court Records, LA County Archives, have NOT be examined & should be. Don't know if he had a will. Plot map his Sunnyside property after he died [copy in Gordon/Sanford file] labeled "Heirs of EM Sanford." Who were they?

CHILD 6 - Theodore Gordon SANFORD-4876

Cannot establish relationship of wife Mary Sanford. Prob a cousin.

B & d dates from tombstone, which notes he served in Co H, 4th GA (infantry?). Letters from bros John WA & Eugene (cf their notes) indicate he lived all his life in or near Blountsville, Jones Co, GA.

10 Sept 1879: Bro John WA Sanford Jr wrote from Montgomery, AL, asking him to ascertain from Baldwin Co records when their grandfather "Capt Jesse Sanford" obtained land in Laurens Co "for which we are suing." Referred to their mother's recent death, Theodore's wife Sally & dau Ridley.

12 Nov 1879: JWA Jr wrote again about Theodore's bankruptcy. "I don't know what will become of you or will become of the house. From improvidence & confidence in unprincipled men it seems to me you are ruined." JWA regretted he authorized Theodore to sell his interest in Laurens Co property. [Both

HUSBAND John William Augustus SANFORD General-754 Yr of Birth 1798
WIFE Marianne Ridley BLOUNT-770 Yr of Birth 1802

copied from MWF notes of 7 May 1969 in file.]

Thomas Goodwyn Sanford

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1340

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HUSBAND Thomas Goodwyn SANFORD-751
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BORN:   Abt   1808        PLACE: ,,GA
CHR.:                     PLACE:
DIED:         1860        PLACE: ,Wharton,TX
BUR.:                     PLACE:
MARR:                     PLACE:
FATHER: Jesse SANFORD Captain-749                                    PARENTS' MRIN: 209
MOTHER: Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750
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WIFE    Sarah B. JOURDON-4833
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BORN:   Abt   1809        PLACE: ,,GA
CHR.:                     PLACE:
DIED:                     PLACE:
BUR.:                     PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Mary Goodwyn SANFORD-4864
---- BORN:                  PLACE:
 F   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED:                  PLACE:
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                  PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: Benjamin J. SANFORD-4865
---- BORN:         1830     PLACE: ,,GA
 M   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED: Aft     1874     PLACE:
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE: Anna M. ARRINGTON-4869                                MRIN: 1351
     MARR: 27 May 1865      PLACE: ,Wharton,TX
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 3.  NAME: William J. SANFORD-4866
---- BORN:         1832     PLACE: ,,GA
 M   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED:                  PLACE:
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                  PLACE:
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 4.  NAME: James H. SANFORD-4867
---- BORN:         1836     PLACE: ,,GA
 M   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED: Aft     1867     PLACE:
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                  PLACE:
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HUSBAND Thomas Goodwyn SANFORD-751                                       Yr of Birth 1808
WIFE    Sarah B. JOURDON-4833                                            Yr of Birth 1809
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: Gordon M. SANFORD-4868
---- BORN:        1843        PLACE: ,,GA
 M   CHR.:                    PLACE:
     DIED:                    PLACE:
     BUR.:                    PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                    PLACE:
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HUSBAND Thomas Goodwyn SANFORD-751 Yr of Birth 1808
WIFE Sarah B. JOURDON-4833 Yr of Birth 1809

HUSBAND - Thomas Goodwyn SANFORD-751

B dates: his, wife's & children all est from 1850 Census. 1860 Mortality List (cf below) gave age 52.

He took has family to TX abt same time John W Gordon bought land there. Cf JW Gordon (709) & son Benjamin's note (4865) for details.

1850 TX Census, Wharton Co, enum 21 Sept: Thos G Sanford, 45, farmer, val real estate $4890; Sarah B, 41; BJ, 20, M, "law;" Wm J, 18, farmer; Jas H, 14; Gorden (sic) M, 7; all b GA.

Wharton Co Tax Rolls 1853-60: Thos G Sanford listed as owner of 453 acres; no. of Negroes incr from 27 to 42 & total value of property to $37,785. This was apparently same land JW Gordon Sr held as agent for Thos' wife in 1851 & by Thos' for her in 1852 [cf her note 4833]. Gordon had purchased this (Tract #6 in Kuykendall League) in 1850 [Wharton Co Deed Book A, pg 186].

4 Jan 1856: JW Gordon Sr sold 453 acre Tract #6 in Kuykendall League to Thos G Sanford for $2500 [Wharton Co Deed Book B, p 132]. Cannot explain why land Sanfords had held & paid tax on since 1851 was not sold to them until 1856. Perhaps this sale only formalized property transfer that occurred in 1851.

Thos Sanford started paying poll tax (50 cents; later incr to $1) in 1852. In 1854 started paying $2-$3/yr (no one else paid this much), which prob indicates when his sons arrived in TX.

D. date: Wharton Co Mortality List, 1860 [TX State Archives, Austin]. He apparently willed (or gave) his land to son Benjamin, who was listed as owning same property in 1861 Wharton Co Tax Roll.

WIFE - Sarah B. JOURDON-4833

Following documents re-copied in 1850 in Wharton Co. TX Book A, pp 147-51 & 166-67 [xerox in file].

18 April 1845: Sarah S. Sanford of Putnam Co, GA, made will leaving balance of her estate to Sarah B. Sanford, wife of Thos G Sanford. Will also contained provision to buy 4 ten-yr old Negro girls & give them to women in families named Reid, Tripper, Branham & Slade. [Presume Sarah S. was kin of Sarah B. Jourdan married into another branch of Sanford clan.] Sarah S. "departed this life shortly thereafter," & Sarah B inherited Polly, a Negro woman, & 5 children ages 2 to 12, apparently hers.

27 Oct 1849: Sarah B. Sanford, still in Putnam Co, GA, was "about removing to the State of Texas w/ her family" & petitioned to change her current trustee to John W Gordon, "her relation & friend." Petition granted, & JWG posted $3000 bond.

27 Oct 1849: Putnam Co, GA: Adelaide E. Gordon, wife of Andrew G. Gordon & sis of Sarah B. Sanford, loaned 4 Negro men to Sarah B. since latter was "about removing to the State of Texas & is in poor & straightened Circumstances." [Adelaide & Sarah B. were Jourdan sisters, but I do not know anything about

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WIFE Sarah B. JOURDON-4833 Yr of Birth 1809

their family or who Andrew G. Gordon's family was either.]

1851 Wharton Co Tax Roll: JW Gordon [agent] for S. Sanford: 453 acres; 26 Negroes; total val property $13,565.

ibid 1852: Thos G Sanford for Sarah Sanford: same property, now val at $14,515

1860 Census, TX, Wharton Co, enum 8 June: Sarah D (sic) Sanford, 48, val real est $18000, pers prop, $35,000; BJ, 30, planter; WJ, 28 (no occupation listed); Jas H, 24, merchant; GM, 16, planter. All b GA.

CHILD 1 - Mary Goodwyn SANFORD-4864

She m Andrew Jackson Noble. Children: Arthus Sanford & Florence Noble [JMF]

CHILD 2 - Benjamin J. SANFORD-4865

Went to TX along w/ his family, about time John W. Gordon bought land in Wharton Co. Benjamin was abt 19.

1850 Census: age 20, occupation "law" (cf father's note 751)

1853 Wharton Co Tax Roll: Paid poll tax 50 cents; owned no property.

ibid, 1859-60: Paid poll taxes $1. Father had prob paid in intervening yrs (cf his note).

ibid, 1861: BD (sic) Sanford owned 453 acres; 41 Negroes; total val property $41,615. (Land presumably inherited from his father.)

Enlisted as pvt, Home Guards, Reserve Cavalry Co, Wharton Co, TX State Troops, in July 1861. His cousin Eugene Sanford was 4th sgt in same unit. Cf latter's note (771) for more info on service in CSA.

4th Regt of Cavalry, TX State Troops (6 months) "...was organized 7 Aug 1863." Members include _____ Sanford, Pvt, Co I. Regt Returns for Dec 1863 & Jan 1864 note "Absent sick since Nov 5." He is better identified on printed parole form: Parole #601, done at Houston, 27 June 1865. Signed: B.C(?) Sanford. [2nd initial might be "O"] Written under signature in same handwriting: "Private, Co I, 26th Texas Infantry." In different hand: "Hill County, Texas." [From Confederate Service Records, Roll 31, National Archives] [26th TX Infantry must be unit this man joined when 6 mo term of his militia regt expired, presumably abt Feb 1864. This MIGHT be Benjamin J Sanford, altho middle initial in signature looks more like C or O. Moreover, Hill Co notation makes this unlikely, if that's where he returned after War, b/c Hill Co is just S of Dallas, long way from Wharton Co.]

1862-63 Wharton Co Tax Rolls: 453 acres; 41 Negroes; total value in 1863 $38.595.

ibid, 1864: Owned 1203 acres; 45 Negroes; total value $44,600.

ibid, 1865: Owned 3 parcels of 500, 750 & 150 (= 1400) acres; total value property had fallen to $13,725.

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WIFE Sarah B. JOURDON-4833 Yr of Birth 1809

M date: MWF notes of 17 June 1969 [in file].

12 Feb 1866: "I...Benjamin J. Sanford...for $904 paid by Anna M Sanford [my] wife...out of her separate money...have...sold...unto said Anna M Sanford all my right, title...to my 1/3 share & interest in undivided reamining half of tract conveyed by John W Gordon to my father Thomas G Sanford in his lifetime...4 Jan 1856 in Wharton Co [Wharton Co, TX, Deed Book B, p 577].

1866 Wharton Co Tax Roll (compiled 25 Aug): holdings down to 455 acres, reflecting above sale; total value down to $8185.

ibid, 1867: 456 acres; total value $$15,645.

ibid, 1868-70: Owned 2 parcels of 112 & 1209 (=1321) acres; incr possibly land bought from or given by bro James (cf James' note 4867). Value (land only) in 1870 $1489.

ibid, 1871-72: Owned 2 parcels of 112 & 1656 (=1768) acres; total value $4322 in 1871.

1870 Census, TX, Wharton Co: could not find either Benjamin or his wife, altho his listing in 1870 Tax Roll indicates they must have been there.

1874 Wharton Co Tax Roll: owned 1716 acres; total value of property $3288. This was last definite listing. I could not find ANY Gordon, Sorrel or Sanford in 1875 Roll. Benjamin was NOT in 1876 Roll.

Wife remarried in 1872 or 78 (MWF note gave 2 dates) but above proves he was still alive in 1874. Therefore he must have d. aft 1874 & his wife re-married in 1878.

CHILD 3 - William J. SANFORD-4866

Paid $1 poll tax in 1859 & 60. Father had prob been paying for him since 1853 (cf his note 751)

Disappeared from Wharton Co records aft 1860. Note he was only adult (age 28) in 1860 Census w/o occupation--significance? [cf mother's note 4833]

CHILD 4 - James H. SANFORD-4867

Paid $1 poll tax in 1860 & 61. Father had prob been paying for him since he reached 21 in 1857 [cf his note 751]

Occupation in 1860 Census, when he was 24, "merchant"

12 Feb 1866: Benjamin J Sanford of Wharton Co conveyed to James H Sanford of same Co for $1000 755 acres in Kuykendall League on W bank of Colorado River. [Wharton Co Deed Book B, p 576]

1866 Wharton Co Tax Roll: owned 750 acres; total value of property $4785. As agt for WJ Clayton held another 140 acres.

HUSBAND Thomas Goodwyn SANFORD-751 Yr of Birth 1808
WIFE Sarah B. JOURDON-4833 . Yr of Birth 1809

ibid, 1867: owned 756 acres; total value $4167.

Disappeared from tax rolls after 1867 & bro Benjamin's land incr in 1868. Prob sold out to his bro.

CHILD 5 - Gordon M. SANFORD-4868

In 1860 Census was listed in widowed mother's household, age 16, as "planter." Prob worked on bro Benjamin's plantation for awhile but never paid poll tax; i.e., he either migrated elsewhere or died during Civil War.

Emily Epps Sanford

~~FOR~~

~~John W. Gordon Jr.~~

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1339

HUSBAND Benjamin Smith JORDAN Colonel-4832

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 8 Aug 1823 PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE Emily Epps SANFORD-755

BORN: 1 Apr 1807 PLACE: ,,GA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 12 May 1889 PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER: Jesse SANFORD Captain-749 PARENTS' MRIN: 209
MOTHER: Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Leonidas Adolphus JORDAN-4863
---- BORN: 1828 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME:
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4. NAME:
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DIED: PLACE:
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SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

Relationship to:

Husband______________________________

Wife______________________________

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1339
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HUSBAND	Benjamin Smith JORDAN Colonel-4832	Yr of Birth
WIFE	Emily Epps SANFORD-755	Yr of Birth 1807

HUSBAND - Benjamin Smith JORDAN Colonel-4832

In 1820s he had Daniel Pratt build "Westover" few mi NW of Milledgeville. It is said to have competed in splendor w/ homes of his wife's sisters Martha Gordon & Mary Moughon. It burned in 1950s, but it was extensively photographed in 1930s by Historic American Buildings Survey. Photo of entrance in Banks article [cf note #749 for citation] NB: Banks calls him Benjamin Lee Jordan, JMF Benjamin Smith, name copied by MWF from Marriage Book, 1806-20 (sic) in Baldwin Co Courthouse [cf her 7 May 1969 notes in file].

WIFE - Emily Epps SANFORD-755

CHILD 1 - Leonidas Adolphus JORDAN-4863

He m 1) Julia Jordan; 2) Ilah Dunlap. No known issue [per JMF]

Adolphus M. Sanford

~~FGR5~~

~~Sarah Jane Gordon~~
(~~2 marriages~~)

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1341

2 Nov 1993

HUSBAND Adolphus M. SANFORD-752

BORN: 2 May 1811 PLACE: ,,GA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 11 Apr 1860 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: PLACE:
FATHER: Jesse SANFORD Captain-749 PARENTS' MRIN: 209
MOTHER: Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750

WIFE Sophia WALTON-4834

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
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MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

Phone:

Camilla Dorinda Sanford

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-216

2 Nov 1993

HUSBAND William Luther BUNKLEY-772

BORN: 26 Jun 1811 PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 28 Feb 1835 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 10 May 1829 PLACE: Gray,Jones,GA
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE Camilla Dorinda SANFORD-756

BORN: Abt 1815 PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 11 Nov 1869 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
BUR.: PLACE: has other marriages
FATHER: Jesse SANFORD Captain-749 PARENTS' MRIN: 209
MOTHER: Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750

CHILDREN

1. NAME: William D. BUNKLEY-773
---- BORN: 1831 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME: Gordon Sanford BUNKLEY-774
---- BORN: 1834 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

Phone:

HUSBAND William Luther BUNKLEY-772 Yr of Birth 1811
WIFE Camilla Dorinda SANFORD-756 Yr of Birth 1815

HUSBAND - William Luther BUNKLEY-772

WIFE - Camilla Dorinda SANFORD-756

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Other marriages:
Pearley Stanley GERALD-4870

CHILD 1 - William D. BUNKLEY-773

CHILD 2 - Gordon Sanford BUNKLEY-774

H m Lucindia Keene, b 1832. [JMF]

2nd marriage

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1352

2 Nov 1993

HUSBAND Pearley Stanley GERALD-4870

BORN: 27 Jan 1808 PLACE: Osnabush,,,Canada
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Oct 1865 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE Camilla Dorinda SANFORD-756

BORN: Abt 1815 PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 11 Nov 1869 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER: Jesse SANFORD Captain-749
MOTHER: Martha Goodwyn MITCHELL-750

has other marriages
PARENTS' MRIN: 209

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Adolphus Sanford GERALD-4871
---- BORN: 1840 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

Phone:

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1352
DOCUMENTATION

HUSBAND	Pearley Stanley GERALD-4870	Yr of Birth 1808
WIFE	Camilla Dorinda SANFORD-756	Yr of Birth 1815

HUSBAND - Pearley Stanley GERALD-4870

B & d info from DAR application 381961 of descendent Geraldin Gerald Bush.

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Mrs Geraldine Gerald Bush, who provided DAR data on William Sanford III (cf his note #3459), & whom MWF used as reference, was descended from Camilla thru her 2nd husb.

Other marriages:
10 May 1829 William Luther BUNKLEY-772

CHILD 1 - Adolphus Sanford GERALD-4871

He m Ida Kirkwood Merritt, b 1864. Their dau Geraldine (b 1905) m Charles Coston Bush (b 1906). Her DAR application is referred to in grandfather Pearley (4870) & William Sanford III (3459) notes. She apparently knew MWF in Chapel Hill, NC

MARTHA ELIZABETH GORDON

m. 1) BENNETT BELL

2) RICHARD HENRY DOUGLASS SORREL

(see SORREL Genealogy)

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1272

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HUSBAND Bennett BELL-4494

BORN: Abt 1810 PLACE: ,,GA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 12 Oct 1853 PLACE: ,Matagorda,TX
BUR.: PLACE: Sorrel Plant.,Wharton,TX
MARR: 21 Nov 1843 PLACE: ,Jones,GA
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE Martha Elizabeth (Bell) GORDON-475

BORN: 1824/1826 PLACE: ,Jones,GA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 18 Feb 1898 PLACE: Sorrel Plant.,Wharton,TX
BUR.: PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX
FATHER: John Wheeler GORDON General-709
MOTHER: Martha Cook SANFORD-710

has other marriage(s)
PARENTS' MRIN: 198

CHILDREN

1. NAME:
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Relationship to:

Husband____________________________

Wife____________________________

Date prepared: 17 Jul 1998

HUSBAND - Bennett BELL-4494

B date & state from 1850 Census. D date from Matagorda Co Probate Record Book C, p 191. Burial place presumptive; known others who d around this time buried here. Cf note RHD Sorrel (474) for description & location.

Marriages 1) Ann P Warnum, 5 Dec 1837; 2) Martha E. Gordon, 21 Nov 1843 [Jones Co, GA, marriage bonds, per JMF]

"Major" Bell was resident of Jones Co in 1837; still resident there in 1843, but as "Col." In 1969 MWF found no tax records but 5 real estate transactions in his name between 1839-43. 3 Feb 1845 he, John W. Gordon & 2 others executed promisory note for $17,000. Real estate transactions involved his purchase of small business & residential property in town of Clinton "w/ exception of his purchase, 1 Jan 1843, of Flewellen property, well improved lot, 3 acres...for $1800." Jones Co Slave Deed Records show entries for Bell 1841-43.

Served as "Major, Jones Co, 31 May 1837-23 Apr 1838 (M.R. 1829-41, p 133)" & as "Col, Jones Co, 19 Mar 1838-23 Aug 1841 (ibid, p 151)." [GA Sect, State Dept Archives & History, Atlanta]

1843: Served as Representative from Jones Co in GA State Legislature.

1846: Witnessed will of Abram P. Patrick ("Bibb Co Early Wills & Cemetery Records," by Willingham & Smith, Macon, 1961, p 14). Last mentioned in Jones Co records as Col Bennett Bell in Nov 1846.

1849-50: Served as Rep. in GA State Legislature from Baker Co (extreme SW of state). File cards in GA Sect. of State Dept of Archives & History, Atlanta, show he "res (resigned?) prior to 16 Feb 1850." [Presumably resigned in anticipation of move to TX.]

1850 Census Wharton Co, TX, enumerated 13-21 Sept, p 326, dwelling & family 82 (JW Gordon & family were 81): B. Bell 40, farmer, b GA; M.A.Bell 25, F, b GA; G.W.Presswood, 24, printer.

1852-53: On Wharton Co Tax Rolls (cf Martha E. Gordon note for details on slaves owned). In 1852 owned $300 in watches; $600 in 7 horses & misc. property. Never owned real estate. Total value of property in 1853 $6160, of which $5400 is value of 9 slaves.

21 Aug 1853: Letter from Martha Bell at Spanish Camp (name of Gordon Plantation) to sis Sarah Jane: "Mr Bell sends love to all relations in Montgomery." [orig owned by Nancy Lucas]

8 Oct 1853: Matagorda Co District Court Records, Cases #77-84: Bennett Bell, John W McCamley, John W Gordon, Jesse S Gordon, Wm F Davis, Sam G Powell & 3 others indicted "for playing at game of cards in a public place upon which the representation of money was bet." 10 Oct (p 55): JW Gordon pleaded not guilty; B Bell, JS Gordon & others "continued, & alias capias ordered to issue." In following months others of this group EXCEPT BENNETT BELL entered pleas of guilty & jury fined $10. [In view of known young ages of most of this group,

"John W Gordon" was almost certainly JWG Jr.]

11 Oct 1853: "I Bennett Bell, being Weak in Body but in possession of my rational faculties do make & publish this my last Will & testament." He left all property to wife Martha & appointed her executrix. Witnesses: AC Horton, JW Brown, JC Perry. Inventory by Martha 17 Jan 1854 shows he d next day. Property: 9 slaves, 15 horses & mules, 34 cattle, 130 hogs, shotgun, rifle, pistols, watch, furniture. No land. [Xerox of originals in file; transcripts JMF notes 23-29 Oct 1992, pp 13-14] Note: Albert Clinton Horton was former Lt Gov of TX & old friend of JW Gordon Sr who had urged him to move to TX.

Sudden death of Bell just 4 days after he & number of relatives & friends were indicted for betting on card game is almost certainly NOT coincidental. JMF writes: "Because it seems unlikely that an innocent game of poker would have triggered an indictment on the Texas frontier...the suspicion is left that there may have been a violent altercation in which Bennett Bell was left mortally wounded." Perhaps reason that court records contain no mention of gunplay or major crime is that Matagorda Co Courts did not handle homicide or manslaughter cases at that time & this case was referred to another court. Frank Sorrel Jr could follow up on this.

WIFE - Martha Elizabeth (Bell) GORDON-475

B date est from 1850 Census (ages 24-25--counted 2x = 1825-26), 1860 Census (32 = 1828), 1870 Census (44 = 1826), 1880 Census (53 = 1827). Since younger sis Sarah b in Dec 1827, Martha could not have been b after Jan 1827. Therefore believe 1825-6 most likely. JMF thinks could have been earlier: 1824. Cf note on older sis Mary Ann (711) that might prove Martha was b b/4 Oct 1825.

She was known to her sisters as "Patsey." According to daugh Moxley, attended "Sacred Heart Convent in NY" (no other evidence for this per JMF).

21 Nov 1843 m Col Bennett Bell in Jones Co, GA. She was abt 17-19; he was at least 14 yrs her senior (abt 33). May have lived 1st yr or so in Clinton, historic village, now well preserved, just across highway from town of Gray. The Flewellen-Johnson-Bennett Bell House is said to still be standing there.

29 Dec 1843: JWG deeded 20 slaves to Chas Hutchings on condition "services, earnings & gains" of slaves go to benefit of Martha & any children she may have "w/o control or intermedling" of her husb.

Abt 1847-8 moved w/ husb to Baker Co. (He served in Legislature from there 1849-50; resigned Feb 1850.)

B/n Feb & Aug 1850 Martha & Bennett Bell follow JWG & most of his family to new home in Wharton Co, TX. They were settled in dwelling next to JWG by Sept.

1850 Census Wharton Co, TX, enumerated 13-21 Sept, p 326, dwelling 82: B. Bell 40, farmer; M.A.Bell 25; G.W.Presswood, 24, printer; all b GA. (John W Gordon's dwelling was #81). She was also counted in father's household in Matagorda 9 Sept, age 25, w/o husband (cf J.W.Gordon notes).

1851 Wharton Co record from JMF (Slave Holder Census?) lists Bennett Bell

owning 10 slaves + 26 more "for his wife." 1852 lists "Bennett Bell & wife" owning 24; 1853 lists "Bennett Bell for Martha Bell" owning 26.

Bennett Bell & Mrs Martha Bell appear for 1st time on Wharton Co Tax Rolls in 1852. Neither own land. Bells owns 9 Negroes; Martha 24. In 1853 he still owned 9; she 26.

12 Oct 1853 Bennett Bell d, prob of wounds received in altercation over card game w/ bros-in-law & friends 4 days before. Small size of his estate (cf his note) indicates most slaves (abt 17) held in Martha's own name. Apparently Bell had been farming father-in-law's land; John W Gordon didn't divide his land until 1856 (cf below).

April 1854: Martha leaves resort near Little Rock, AR, following lengthy (10 wk?) stay w/ her father, bro JWG Jr, sis Camilla. Proceeds to New Orleans & Montgomery, AL. Sometime later goes on to Indian Springs, Georgia resort 132 mi NW of old home in Haddock, where she meets RHD Sorrel. [Latter family lore from daugh Moxley.]

15 Oct 1854 m RHD Sorrel in Atlanta. Cf charming letter to her sister Sarah Jane Rives 29 Jan 1855 reporting proudly that her new husband is "more of a man than [someone] took him to be" & that she is already pregnant [typescript in Sorrel file].

21 Oct 1855, birth of 1st child (John Gordon "Frenchie"). Known RHD working in Americus, Sumpter Co, in Oct 1854, & he is referred to in Jan 1856 deed as "RHD Sorrel of Sumpter Co, GA." Therefore believe son born in Americus. However Mercer U records give b place Macon.

7 Jan 1856 father deeds Martha Elizabeth Sorrel 1280 acres (Lot 4) on E side of Colorado River in Wharton Co & number of slaves. 9 Mar 1856 Deed of Trust, originally dated 29 Dec 1843, in which J.W.Gordon deeded 20 slaves to Chas. Hutchings "upon trust that he...will...permit...Martha E. Bell...to have...the services, earnings & gains of the said negro slaves for her benefit...independent of & without contol or intermedling of said husband for & during her natural life..." transferred to RHD Sorrel. [Both in Abstract of Title to the Sorrel Plantation in file.]

Abt 1857: 2nd child (Francis) b in AL (possibly at home of sis Sarah Jane Rives or of her father, both of whom believed to have been living in Montgomery then).

14 July 1858: husb buys land in Vineville district of Macon. By this time she & husb also own property in Jones Co & 2609 acres in TX. 27 Oct 1858: 3rd child (RHD Jr) b Vineville. 27 July 1860: 4th child (Marcial) b there. 1860 Census, enumerated 5 Aug, documents considerable wealth (cf husb's note). Mar 1861: 5th child (Aminta, named after RHD older sis) b Vineville.

April 1861: outbreak of Civil War. She & children almost certainly lived out War on Texas plantation. Husb was in TX to enlist in home guard in July 1861 & continuously while in service Jan 1863-July 1865. 1870 & 1880 Censuses prove that 6th child (Moxley) was b in TX, almost certainly in 1864. (If b in

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1865, both census-takers would have been told in July the ages Moxely would not reach until Oct: 5 & 15.) Thus Moxley was prob conceived in Jan 1864. Since Trans-Mississippi Dept of Confederacy cut off from east after fall of Vicksburg 4 July 1863, there was no way Martha could have gone to Vineville home after early 1863. Known family was back in Vineville in Mar 1866 because daugh Aminta d there. Whole family prob lived there 1866-69. Letter [in JMF files] to "Dear Mot" in GA from RHDS in TX in Oct 1869 shows she was still there then.

May 1868: Father d at Vineville. Bro Jesse d sometime in 1866-7; said to have drowned. 1869: Bro John W Gordon Jr murdered in TX. May 1870: Father-in-law d at Savannah. 1871: husb d at home shortly after eating tainted fish in Galveston.

Cf RHD Sorrel note for debts left after his death. However he was not only member of family in debt following War. In late 1860s (Moye didn't record date) MA & G[ordon] Sorrel sued JW & F[annie] Sorrel, prob for debt default. [Wharton Co Dist Court Minute Book D, p 68]. In claim Martha made against estate of Francis Sorrel in 1879, mention made of promisory note for $1250 made by Claxton Sorrel & payable to G. Moxley Sorrel dated 27 July 1868 & payable 3 yrs later. Argued that this sum + interest was owed by ACS & GMS to children of RHDS because they had been named trustees of the children, but debt had remained unpaid because both men had "for 4 or 5 yrs been insolvent."

Cf RHD Sorrel notes for unsettled conditions in Wharton Co in post-War period. Family lore tells of former slaves frightened by Ku Klux Klan seeking shelter on Martha'a veranda. Yet lists of "Freedmen" in Wharton Co Tax Rolls 1866-70 show NO ex-slaves who took name Sorrel, while many took Gordon, Sanford & Rives as family names. Significance?

Wharton Co Tax Rolls show continued plight of anyone trying to run a plantation in the post-war perior w/o free labor & cotton prices low:

ibid: 1871: JL(S?) Rives, agent for Mrs ME Sorrel: 1660 acres worth $8660.

ibid: 1872: JH Rogers, agent for Mrs ME Sorrel: 1660 acres worth $8504.

ibid: 1874: Mrs ME Sorrel, agent for Gordon Sorrel: 1660 acres worth $4060. [Now 19, eldest son Gordon had apparently become owner.] NB: 1873 & 1875 records missing.

By 1875 she was having difficulty holding plantation together. On 8 June 1875 she negotiated 1 yr loan for $2000 at 18%, offering 700 acres of Lot 4 as security [Wharton Co D/T Records, vol B, p 561]. 17 April 1876 negotiates new 2 yr loan for $2000 at 18% using rest of Lot 4 & 714 acres of Lot 3 as security [ibid, vol C-1, p 249].

31 Jan 1876: Eldest son "Frenchie" murdered, prob by half-bro of John W Gordon Jr's widow. Aug 1876: 2nd son Francis d of jaundice. 15 May 1877: sis Sarah Jane d at Montgomery.

Wharton Co Tax Roll, 1876: Mrs ME Sorrel owned 1660 + 1144 acres, total value

$12,645. [Did not review tax rolls beyond this yr.]

22 May 1878: WW Lipscomb sues Martha for non-payment of 1st debt above. She fails to appear at trial; Court orders Martha to pay Lipscomb $782.31 + 8% on $67.17 thereof & 12% on $715.14 thereof until debt paid, + costs [ibid, vol C, p 165].

4 July 1879: "In consideration of...$5000...which I have...appropriated to pay & discharge encumbrances upon the property hereinafter conveyed," Martha conveyed to son RHD Jr all 1280 acres of Lot 4 & 1329 acres of Lot 3 "upon trust for use & benefit of RHD Sorrel Jr, Marcial & Moxley." Property was disencumbered except for $1733.43 still due Lipscomb on 700 acres of Lot 4 [ibid, vol D, p 175]. Legal papers in Savannah (per JMF) suggest this $5000 came from settlement of estate of Francis Sorrel.

1880 Census, Georgia, Bibb Co, Vineville Dist (enum 4 June): Martha E Sorrel, 53; Marcial, 18, b GA; Moxley, 15, b TX. Eldest son RHD Sorrel Jr, 21 was listed as farmer in 1880 Wharton Co, Texas Census.

In 1882 she turned over complete mgmt of plantation to 24 yr-old Douglass & could finally relax. She spent summer 1883 in Vineville w/ Marcial & Moxley then in Oct took Moxley to visit sis Camilla Sanford on rail line Southern Pacific had opened from New Orleans to LA that spring. Attended Moxley's wedding 10 July 1884 at Camilla's estate. Cf copies of her letters in Sorrel file which show her grief over this union & her reservations about Moxley's husb.

6 Dec 1884: WW Lipscomb releases Martha from all claims; all debts on plantation finally paid [ibid, vol D, p 81].

May 1887: As trustee for Martha & on her request, G. Moxley Sorrel sells "The Sorrel Place" in Vineville to L.E.Culver for $6500. According to MWF, "Altho Grandma Sorrel lived & managed the Sorrel Plantation in Texas, she retained her home in [Vineville] & spent part of every year there" until it was sold. She lived in the town of Wharton, not on the plantation, & had her own room at the Wicks home in Houston. MWF recalled how she would arrive every spring & fall w/ a seamstress to supervise the making of clothes for her grandchildren.

10 Dec 1894: appointed administrator of estate of sis Camilla Sanford.

18 Feb 1898: d in Wharton. In 1992 her furniture & many effects (including her husb's massive gold wedding ring) were in home of Katherine Knapp Sorrel in Wharton. Cf JMF notes 23-29 Oct 1992, p 8, for inventory. Since Katherine's death are presumably in possession of her sons John Gordon &/or Richard Knapp.

Her will (Probate Minutes Book D, p 574, Wharton Co Courthouse) dated 26 June 1894 states she is "now a resident of Los Angeles County, CA." She left her granddaugh Gordon (daugh of "Frenchie") $5, explaining "she has as much property as is necessary for her, &...I have in the past bestowed much care & expense upon her." Everything else she left in equal shares to 3 surviving children. Gordon Sorrel MacGregor unsuccessfully contested this will. [Copy of holograph original in Sorrel file]

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WIFE Martha Elizabeth (Bell) GORDON-475 Yr of Birth 1824

Martha once wrote in the Day Book in which she entered her innermost thoughts, "All my life everything has gone wrong." In her 70+ yrs she did experience more tragedy than most: her 1st husb, her sis Sarah's 1st husb, 2 bros & her eldest son all died violent deaths; in addition she lost a little girl, another son, her father & her 2nd husb. Except for 1st husband, all d in 10 yr period which coincided w/ disorder of Reconstruction in which she was burdened w/ debts that threatened her plantation. In her bio of Moye Wicks, MWF sees all this as reason Martha was over-protective of her youngest child & only surviving daugh, Moxley. Before Moxley's wedding, Martha confided to her Day Book, "You were my joy, the very life of my life. How I shall bear to live on without you, I know not." [There is circumstantial evidence that Moxley did not reciprocate this devotion; i.e., she give 9 of her 11 children names beginning w/ "M" but no daugh named Martha. Cf Moxley's note #19 for details]

This smothering devotion to her surviving children also left its mark on her 2 sons. She wrote to her Aunt Emily Jordan, "There is not one girl in Macon that I would have either of my sons marry. I write truly." Her son Douglass did not marry until age 40; Marcial never married.

Other marriages:
15 Oct 1854 Richard Henry Douglass SORREL-474 MRIN: 132

OTHER CHILDREN OF JOHN WHEELER GORDON

SARAH JANE (m. 1) PHILIP A. WRAY
2) WILLIAM HENRY RIVES

JESSE SANFORD

JOHN WHEELER JR.

CAMILLA M. (m. EUGENE M. SANFORD)

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-199

HUSBAND Philip Augustus WRAY-716

BORN: 22 Jul 1818 PLACE: ,Oglethorpe,GA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 23 Apr 1851 PLACE: New Orleans,Orleans,LA
BUR.: PLACE: Oakwood Cem.,Montgomery,Alabama
MARR: 12 Aug 1845 PLACE: ,Jones Co.,Georgia
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE Sarah Jane GORDON-712

BORN: 25 Dec 1827 PLACE: ,Jones,GA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 15 May 1877 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
BUR.: PLACE: Oakwood Cem.,Montgomery,AL
FATHER: John Wheeler GORDON General-709
MOTHER: Martha Cook SANFORD-710

has other marriage(s)
PARENTS' MRIN: 198

CHILDREN

1. NAME: [child] WRAY-5586
---- BORN: Bef 16 Feb 1847 PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft 17 Feb 1847 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME:
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Relationship to:

Husband____________________________

Wife____________________________

Date prepared: 20 Mar 1997

HUSBAND Philip Augustus WRAY-716 Yr of Birth 1818
WIFE Sarah Jane GORDON-712 Yr of Birth 1827

HUSBAND - Philip Augustus WRAY-716

B & d dates & places from tombstone

At age 27 m Sarah Jane Gordon in Jones Co, 12 Aug 1845.

16 Feb 1847: Philip A Wray of Montgomery AL "...being on the eve of a trip by water, & knowing the uncertainty of life..." made out his will in New Orleans. Left everything to Sarah Jane Wray & requested "her father to take the property in trust for her & her child..." [This shows child had been b of this marriage, but it must not have survived long. Was the "trip by water" across Gulf & up the Colorado to see land he hoped to buy?]

26 May 1847: Robt Mills of Brazoria Co TX conveyed for $4580 to PA Wray 1018 1/2 acres on E bank of Colorado River "adjoining the league called the Spanish Camp League...now of JW Gordon." [Wharton Co Deed Book E, p 123. However transaction actually occurred in New Orleans & check for payment made out in Montgomery AL. This & above show he & wife had moved from Jones Co to Montgomery. Presume he went to NO to close deal on land they planned to live on in TX.]

7 Nov 1848: "On this, the Presidential Election Day, Mr Philip A Wray shot Mr JR Lester in front of the Post Office at Montgomery Hall, but the wound was not serious." ["City Directory of History of Montgomery AL with Summary of events...Calendarically Arranged," 1878]

1850 Wharton Co Tax Roll: "PA Ray" listed 1st & only time w/ John W Gordon (prob Sr) as agent: 1107 acres; no slaves; total value $5535.

Gravestone: "...died at the Verandah Hotel, New Orleans, 23 April 1851, aged 32 yrs, 9 mo, 1 d." Nancy Lucas says he "was shot on the steps of the Verandah Hotel."

Thus Sarah Jane's 1st husb, like Martha's, was a victim of the violent culture of the South. [Cf note on "Frenchie" Sorrel #476 for documentation.]

WIFE - Sarah Jane GORDON-712

B date & place from gravestone

Marriages: 1) 12 Aug 1845 (age 17) to Philip August Wray [Marriage Bond, Jones Co]; 2) 1 Mar 1853 (age 25) to Dr William Henry Rives of Montgomery AL. [Letter from JWA Sanford Jr to grandmother Mary Blount 26 Feb 1853: "on next Tuesday, Mar 1, Cousin Sarah Wray will be m. to Dr. Rives of this place. He is a gentleman, standing well in his profession & in the community...& worth $75-80,000..." [Gravestone gives m date 3 Mar]

In will dtd 16 Feb 1847, Philip Wray requests Sarah Jane's "father to take the property in trust for her & her child..." No other record of issue from this marriage. "Child" could have been fetus or infant; assume it did not long survive. [Cf Wray's note for citation]

26 May 1847: Philip Wray buys 1018 1/2 acres adjoining land of JWG. She & husb

may have moved to TX abt this time. They were gone b/4 1850, prob living in Montgomery AL, since her father became agent for their land.

23 April 1851: Husb shot & killed in New Orleans.

1852 Wharton Co Tax Roll: John W Gordon, agt for "Ray:" 1107 acres; no slaves; total value $8850. This was land Wray himself bought in 1848; JWG Sr did not give land to Sarah until 1856.

2 yrs aft Wray killed she m Dr. Rives & continued to live in Montgomery. (1st child b there 10 mo aft wedding.) Continued to own above "Wray tract" in TX.

1855 Wharton Co Tax Roll: JW Gordon Sr, agt for SJ Rives, held 1111 acres worth $11,110. No slaves.

1856 " " " JW Gordon Jr, Agent for WH Rives, held 1107 acres worth $13,284 & 15 Negroes worth $7500.

7 Jan 1856: John W Gordon Sr conveyed 1297 acres (Lot 2 in his division of League 3) to Sarah Jane [Wharton Co Deed Book B, Deed 596].

2nd husb expanded TX holdings thru 1856 purchase from Jesse S Gordon of land JWG Sr had given him. (Listing of JWG Sr & Jr as "agents" indicates the Rives were absentee landlords thru all these yrs.)

1857-59 Wharton Co Tax Rolls: JW Gordon Jr, Agent for WH Rives, held 2769 acres worth $33,228 & 9 Negroes worth $5400.

ibid, 1858: JWG Jr still agent (& would be thru 1860): 2769 acres; 20 Negroes; total value $43,918.

ibid, 1859: 1107 acres; 24 Negroes; total value $72,220.

ibid, 1860: 3100 acres; 33 Negroes; total value $99,930.

[Did not find in 1861-64 tax rolls.]

ibid, 1865: RHD Sorrel for Mrs. Reeves (sic): 550 acres; total value $4400.

[Not in 1866 tax roll]

ibid, 1867: RHD Sorrel for Mrs Sarah Rives; 2760 acres; total value $27,780.

[Not in 1868-69 tax rolls]

ibid, 1870: RHD Sorrel for Mrs SF Reeves (sic), 2260 acres; total value $4420.

ibid, 1871: SJ Rives, 3220 acres; $6090.

ibid, 1872: JH Rogers, agent for SJ Rives: 2260 acres; $4260.

ibid, 1876: Mrs ME Sorrel, agent for SJ Rives: 1660 acres; $4320.

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HUSBAND Philip Augustus WRAY-716 Yr of Birth 1818
WIFE Sarah Jane GORDON-712 Yr of Birth 1827

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ibid, 1878: Estate of Sarah J Rives included Rives Tract of 1660 acres worth $9960 & Ray (sic) Tract of 1111 acres worth $5555.

[Cannot explain wild variations in acreage, but some must have been due to different accounting for land given to her by her father (Rives Tract) & land purchased by her 1st husb (Ray Tract).]

She was always referred to in Wicks family as "Aunt Janie."

Other marriages:
3 Mar 1853 William Henry RIVES Doctor-717 MRIN: 200

CHILD 1 - [child] WRAY-5586
Only trace of this child is in father's will (cf note 716) refering to mother "& her child." This could mean that child was still in utero at that time or new-born.

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD-100

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HUSBAND William Henry RIVES Senior-717

SARAH JANE GORDON
2nd MARRIAGE

BORN: 17 Nov 1824 PLACE: , VA
CHR.: PLACE:
MARR: [illegible] Feb 1860 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
BUR.: PLACE: Oakwood Cem.,Montgomery,AL
DIED: 8 Nov [illegible] PLACE: ,
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE: Sarah Jane GORDON-718

BORN: 26 Mar 1837 PLACE: ,Jones,GA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 12 May 1875 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
BUR.: PLACE: Oakwood Cem.,Montgomery,AL
FATHER: John Wheeler GORDON General-709
MOTHER: Martha Jane GORDON-710

Has other marriage(s)
HUSBAND: [illegible]

CHILDREN

1. NAME: William Henry RIVES Jr.-721
M BORN: 7 Jan 1861 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 16 May 1932 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Alice Elizabeth TAYLOR-[illegible] WIFE [illegible]
MARR: 2 Dec 1878 PLACE: New Orleans,Orleans,LA

2. NAME: John Gordon RIVES-719
M BORN: 7 Jan 1862 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft Sep 1894 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME: Martha Ann (Mattie) RIVES-[illegible]
F BORN: 17 Jun 1865 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 9 Jan 1919 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE: Oakwood Cem.,Montgomery,AL
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME: George Mason RIVES-[illegible]
M BORN: PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft Sep 1894 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

Prepared by:
Address ___
City ___ Date prepared: [illegible]

HUSBAND - William Henry RIVES Doctor-717

From JMF note. His sources: "Reliques of the Rives," J Rives Childs, JP Bell Co, Lynchburg VA, 1929; "Green Rives," JRT Rives, Cather (?) Pub Co.

Said to have been b in Montgomery 27 Oct 1816, but 1860 Census gives VA as b place. Were few white squatters here, 410 mi up Alabama River from Mobile, as early as 1814, but AL Territory not opened for sale to settlers until 1817. "Among the other Milledgeville (GA) sales of lands in the immediate Montgomery vicinity on Aug 8-9, 1817, were...George M. Rives, 160 acres." [Williams, CW, "Early History of Montgomery & Incidentally of State of Alabama," U of AL, Confederate Pub. Co., 1979, pp 33-4]. Could this have been William's father?

The little settlement was incorp as town & given name Montgomery in 1819. Thus Wm was abt 3 yrs older than town in which he was allegedly b!

In 1820s Montgomery became cotton market & transport center (steamboats to Mobile; stages to TN & western GA). The stage to Tuscaloosa, 150 mi NW, took 105 hrs, from dawn Monday to Friday noon. [Williams, CW. "Early Ante-bellum Montgomery: 1817-46," Southern History, vol 7, #4, Nov 1941, p 506] 1st newspaper 1828; state bank opened in early 1830s. Town boomed b/c it was in heart of fertile Black Belt, & Wm's parents must have prospered w/ it--enough so to send son off to college in Phila.

1838: MD, U of PA, age 22. Returned to Montgomery, which still had only 2179 pop in 1840. Became prominent physician & wealthy plantation owner; home 5 mi out of town on Woodly Rd. Associated in practice w/ Dr Baldwin, but don't know whether medicine or agriculture was chief interest. "From the beginning, Montgomery Co. contained more doctors than lawyers, & by 1846 the physicians outnumbered the attorneys by almost 2 to 1. Many of them were graduates of the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, & thus they knew the political thought of the North. Like a large proportion of the lawyers, many of the doctors were also planters...Several of Montgomery's most important politicians were at the same time planters and physicians." [ibid, p 516]

JGF & JMF searched real estate records in Montgomery Co. CH in 1999 & found 20 of Wm. H's transactions b/4 deciding not to look further. Did not check any actual deeds. Several transactions were in association with JM Blount, possibly relative of Marianne Blount (#770), wife of John WA Sanford (754).

Assume from parents' ability to send him to college that he inherited at least part of his fortune. By 1860 his real estate worth $300,000; pers prop $354,750!

M Widow Sarah Jane Wray 1 Mar 1853. Prob met her when 1st husb brought her to Montgomery to live. Cf her note for her cousins' favorable impression of him.

Thru wife got involved in land transactions in Wharton Co. 1855 Wharton Co Tax Roll listed SJ Rives owning 1111 acres (land purchased by her 1st husb PA Wray in 1846). 7 Jan 1856: wife given 1297 acres by her father. 11 July 1856 Wm Rives bought from Jesse Gordon for $19,750 land Jesse's father had given him on 7 Jan (1315 acres). [Wharton Co Deed Book B, p 106] Then 2 yrs later he sold 1/2 of this (+14 1/2 other acres) to RHD Sorrel for $100. [Sorrel Plantation

Title Abstract (in file) p 16.] JWG Sr, who witnessed this, may have made up differnce b/n purchase & sale prices. After his death, his wife & son held on to this land until 1880s. In 1878 there was still a "Rives Tract" of 1660 acres in Wharton Co.

During 1850s & 60s JWG Jr served as Rives' "Agent," indicating Wm & Sarah Jane continued to live in Montgomery.

1860 Census, 1st Dist, Montgomery Co, AL (p 305, dwelling 1500): William H Rives, 43, planter, real estate $300,000; pers prop $354,750, b VA; Sarah J, 26, b GA; William G, 6, John G, 4, Martha, 1; all b AL.

Enlisted as pvt in Saml. B Marks' Co, Montgomery Guards, Montgomery Co Militia, 4 May 1863. Listed on 25 Dec 1863 muster roll as "Private, age 47." D 6wks later. No evidence this was service connected. (Montgomery didn't fall into Union hands until 12 Apr 1865, after war ended.) He was too old for more than local militia duty, but certainly not to have been Army doctor. Why not? [Info from AL State Archives (cc in Gordon file). Above confirmed in Natl Archives list of Montgomery Guards personnel, which notes this unit was for "local defense." Under "Remarks" on above muster roll: "Exempt." What did that mean?

WIFE - Sarah Jane GORDON-712

B date & place from gravestone

Marriages: 1) 12 Aug 1845 (age 17) to Philip August Wray [Marriage Bond, Jones Co]; 2) 1 Mar 1853 (age 25) to Dr William Henry Rives of Montgomery AL. [Letter from JWA Sanford Jr to grandmother Mary Blount 26 Feb 1853: "on next Tuesday, Mar 1, Cousin Sarah Wray will be m. to Dr. Rives of this place. He is a gentleman, standing well in his profession & in the community...& worth $75-80,000..." [Gravestone gives m date 3 Mar]

In will dtd 16 Feb 1847, Philip Wray requests Sarah Jane's "father to take the property in trust for her & her child..." No other record of issue from this marriage. "Child" could have been fetus or infant; assume it did not long survive. [Cf Wray's note for citation]

26 May 1847: Philip Wray buys 1018 1/2 acres adjoining land of JWG. She & husb may have moved to TX abt this time. They were gone b/4 1850, prob living in Montgomery AL, since her father became agent for their land.

23 April 1851: Husb shot & killed in New Orleans.

1852 Wharton Co Tax Roll: John W Gordon, agt for "Ray:" 1107 acres; no slaves; total value $8850. This was land Wray himself bought in 1848; JWG Sr did not give land to Sarah until 1856.

2 yrs aft Wray killed she m Dr. Rives & continued to live in Montgomery. (1st child b there 10 mo aft wedding.) Continued to own above "Wray tract" in TX.

1855 Wharton Co Tax Roll: JW Gordon Sr, agt for SJ Rives, held 1111 acres worth $11,110. No slaves.

1856 " " " " JW Gordon Jr, Agent for WH Rives, held 1107 acres worth $13,284 & 15 Negroes worth $7500.

7 Jan 1856: John W Gordon Sr conveyed 1297 acres (Lot 2 in his division of League 3) to Sarah Jane [Wharton Co Deed Book B, Deed 596].

2nd husb expanded TX holdings thru 1856 purchase from Jesse S Gordon of land JWG Sr had given him. (Listing of JWG Sr & Jr as "agents" indicates the Rives were absentee landlords thru all these yrs.)

1857-59 Wharton Co Tax Rolls: JW Gordon Jr, Agent for WH Rives, held 2769 acres worth $33,228 & 9 Negroes worth $5400.

ibid, 1858: JWG Jr still agent (& would be thru 1860): 2769 acres; 20 Negroes; total value $43,918.

ibid, 1859: 1107 acres; 24 Negroes; total value $72,220.

ibid, 1860: 3100 acres; 33 Negroes; total value $99,930.

[Did not find in 1861-64 tax rolls.]

ibid, 1865: RHD Sorrel for Mrs. Reeves (sic): 550 acres; total value $4400.

[Not in 1866 tax roll]

ibid, 1867: RHD Sorrel for Mrs Sarah Rives; 2760 acres; total value $27,780.

[Not in 1868-69 tax rolls]

ibid, 1870: RHD Sorrel for Mrs SF Reeves (sic), 2260 acres; total value $4420.

ibid, 1871: SJ Rives, 3220 acres; $6090.

ibid, 1872: JH Rogers, agent for SJ Rives: 2260 acres; $4260.

ibid, 1876: Mrs ME Sorrel, agent for SJ Rives: 1660 acres; $4320.

ibid, 1878: Estate of Sarah J Rives included Rives Tract of 1660 acres worth $9960 & Ray (sic) Tract of 1111 acres worth $5555.

[Cannot explain wild variations in acreage, but some must have been due to different accounting for land given to her by her father (Rives Tract) & land purchased by her 1st husb (Ray Tract).]

She was always referred to in Wicks family as "Aunt Janie."

Other marriages:
12 Aug 1845 Philip Augustus WRAY-716 MRIN: 199

CHILD 1 - William Henry RIVES Jr.-721

HUSBAND William Henry RIVES Doctor-717 Yr of Birth 1816
WIFE Sarah Jane GORDON-712 Yr of Birth 1827

CHILD 2 - John Gordon RIVES-720

Named as next of kin to Camilla Sanford in Sept 1894 (cf note #715)

CHILD 3 - Martha Amy (Mattie) RIVES-718

CHILD 4 - George Mason RIVES-719

He m Mattie Howard (b 1868) 18 Nov 1885. Children: Amy Wood Rives, b 1888; John G, b 1892; Eugene Carter, b 1893.

Named as next of kin of Camilla Sanford in Sept 1894 (cf note #715)

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HUSBAND Jesse Sanford GORDON-[illegible]

JESSE SANFORD GORDON

BORN: [illegible] PLACE: [illegible]
CHR: PLACE:
MARR: [illegible] PLACE: , TX
DIED: PLACE:
BUR: [illegible] PLACE: [illegible] Church, [illegible], TX
FATHER: [illegible]
MOTHER: [illegible]

WIFE [illegible] GORDON-[illegible]

BORN: [illegible] PLACE: , [illegible]
CHR: PLACE:
DIED: [illegible] PLACE: [illegible], TX
BUR: PLACE: City Cemetery, [illegible], TX
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: [illegible] GORDON-[illegible]
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SPOUSE: [illegible]
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HUSBAND Jesse Sanford GORDON-713
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BORN:   Abt    1830     PLACE: ,Jones,GA
CHR.:                   PLACE:
DIED:          1866/1867 PLACE: ,,TX
BUR.:                   PLACE:
MARR:    3 Dec 1851     PLACE: Christ Church,Matagorda,TX
FATHER: John Wheeler GORDON General-709                               PARENTS' MRIN: 198
MOTHER: Martha Cook SANFORD-710
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WIFE    Sarah "Sally" Jane DUNCAN-4523
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BORN:   Abt    1830     PLACE: ,,AL
CHR.:                   PLACE:
DIED:    7 Feb 1908     PLACE: ,Matagorda,TX
BUR.:                   PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX               has other marriage(s)
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Duncan GORDON-4524
---- BORN:      1853        PLACE: ,,TX
 M   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED:      1911        PLACE:
     BUR.:                  PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX
     SPOUSE: Alice ARRINGTON-4883                                     MRIN: 1356
     MARR:                  PLACE:
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     CHR.:                  PLACE:
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HUSBAND - Jesse Sanford GORDON-713

B date est from 1850 Census (age 20 given 2x). 1860 Census gives age 35, but this would make him older than sisters Martha & Sarah. Since he was definitely in father's household in 1850 & both sisters had long since married, believe 1850 Census age more trustworthy.

1850 Census: Jesse listed in both of JWG's households (Matagorda & Wharton); occupation farmer.

3 Dec 1851 m Sarah Ann (or Sarah Jane?) Duncan at Christ Episcopal Church, Matagorda [Matagorda Co Marriage Bond; Matagorda Co Marriages, Vol A, TX State Archives, Austin, definitely says Sarah ANN. JMF says "another notation" gives date 25 Dec 1851.] Rector was DD Flower.

1852: Appeared in Matagorda Co Tax Roll for 1st time. Owned no land; 2 negroes valued at $1600, 4 horses, carriage & other property w/ total value $2480.

8 Oct 1853: Indicted w/ others in card-playing affair that apparently led to death of Bennett Bell [cf his note].

1853 Matagorda Co Tax Roll: owned 4214 acres, 26 Negroes, 20 horses w/ total value $30,756. [These vast lands, suddenly acquired, were most likely gift from his new father-in-law, wealthy John Duncan.]

1854-64 Matagorda Co Tax Rolls: owned 4214 acres w/ Negroes numbering as high as 52. Total value of property in 1864: $73,190.

7 Jan 1856: JWG conveyed to son Jesse S Gordon "of Wharton Co" for $100 his Lot 3 (1315 acres) + 38 slaves. Same day Jesse mortgaged all land & slaves back to his father to secure $3000 loan to be repaid by 1 Jan 1860 at 8% [Wharton Co Deed Book B-1, p 86]. On 11 July JSG "of Matagorda Co" sold same 1315 acres to Wm H Rives, 2nd husb of his sis Sarah Jane, for $19,750. [JMF thinks he must have been released from mortgage in order to pay off loan to JWG from proceeds of this sale. Wharton Co Deed Book B, p 106]

Oct 1859: Sued by Giraud (sp?) for debt default [Matagorda Co Dist Court, Book B, pp 178, 264, 286, 344, 362]

1860 Census Matagorda Co, Hardeman PO, TX (enum 12 Aug): Jesse S Gordon 35, planter, real est value $110,000; personal property $38,000, b GA; Sally Gordon 30, b AL; Duncan 6, b TX.

June 1861: He enlisted as pvt in Caney Rifles, Mounted Co, Matagorda County, 22nd Brigade, TX Militia, commanded by Capt Edw S Rugeley. He was listed only on muster roll for June. (Only other Co muster roll dated 28 July 1861.) [TX State Archives info in Gordon File] Nothing more known of military or civilian activities until Return of the Post at San Antonio TX June 1864 lists him as Capt Jesse S Gordon, commanding Co G, Benavidas' Regt, Texas Cavalry. In July he was commanding Post; "relieved Col CL Pyron." But in Aug-Sept 1864 he is listed as "absent; in charge of civil authority." Nothing in file aft Sept 1864 altho many other men's files include copies of their Paroles as POWs when

Regt surrendered at San Antonio 17 Aug 1865. [Microfilm roll 185, National Archives] [Do not know significance of JSL not being listed aft Sept 1864 when he "was in charge of civil authority." This could mean he was transferred to some responsible civilian role -- or it could mean he was under arrest. Unfortunately, Civil War service records are so spotty cannot be sure he did not serve aft Sept 1864.]

1865-6 Matagorda Co Tax Rolls: owned 4214 acres. "Negroes" no longer on tax form. Total value of property had fallen to $36,560.

D date est from fact his name disappeared from Matagorda Co Tax Rolls between 1866 & 1867. In 1867 Roll same property (4214 acres) was listed under Mrs JS Gordon. According to family lore, he drowned.

WIFE - Sarah "Sally" Jane DUNCAN-4523

B place from 1860 Census

Matagorda Co Obituaries 1832-85 in TX State Archives, Austin, show "Mrs Sarah Gordon, b 14 Nov 1825; d 7 Feb 1908." No proof this is Sarah Duncan Gordon Wolcott. Why would she have been listed by 1st married name? But, if not, who was she? This b date does not jibe w/ those of sibs in census below (abt 1839 & 1841). Age in 1860 Census (30) more consistent w/ those of sibs & husb. AL b place suggests she was b b/4 parents moved to TX. Above d date obviously suspect too.

1860 Census Matagorda Co TX (enumerated 12 Aug): #149: John Duncan, 62, planter, real estate $150,000, pers prop $128,000, b PA; Jack Duncan, 21, planter, b TX; Mary Duncan, 19, b TX. [Since Jesse Gordon's household was #151, these must have been almost adjacent plantations & above persons must have been Sarah Jane (Sally's) father & siblings. She was obviously b w/ silver spoon in her mouth!]

Her husb died (drowned?) sometime between 1866 & 1867.

1867 Matagorda Co Tax Roll: Mrs JS Gordon: 4214 acres; total value of property $21,535. By 1868 value had fallen to $12,997.

21 Nov 1869: m Dexter Walcott [info from JMF].

1870 TX Census, Matagorda Co, Upper Caney (PO Caney), enum 22 July: dwelling 1219, John Duncan, 82, retired planter, val real est $15,571, b Maryland; John Duncan, 26, planter, val real est $7788, b TX; Dexter Walcott, 47, planter, val real est $3000, b Miss; Sallie Walcott, 36, housekeeper, val real est $5000, b AL; William Walcott, 9; Dexter Walcott, 6, both b TX. [Children obviously Walcott's by earlier marriage. He apparently had little property of his own. Whole family was prob living on John Duncan's plantation.]

She is buried in plot w/ son Duncan & his wife, son & grandson, also other Gordons [cf p 6, JMF notes for 23-9 Oct 1992]. No dates on her gravestone!

Other marriages:

21 Nov 1869 Dexter WALCOTT-4882 MRIN: 1355

SARAH JANE DUNCAN GORDON

2nd marriage

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1355

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HUSBAND Dexter WALCOTT-4882
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BORN:   Abt  1823        PLACE: ,,MS
CHR.:                    PLACE:
DIED:                    PLACE:
BUR.:                    PLACE:
MARR:   21 Nov 1869      PLACE: ,Matagorda,TX
FATHER:
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WIFE    Sarah "Sally" Jane DUNCAN-4523
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BORN:   Abt  1830        PLACE: ,,AL
CHR.:                    PLACE:
DIED:    7 Feb 1908      PLACE: ,Matagorda,TX
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FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1355
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HUSBAND	Dexter WALCOTT-4882	Yr of Birth 1823
WIFE	Sarah "Sally" Jane DUNCAN-4523	Yr of Birth 1830

HUSBAND - Dexter WALCOTT-4882

B year & place from 1870 Census (cf wife's note 4523)

WIFE - Sarah "Sally" Jane DUNCAN-4523

B place from 1860 Census

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Other marriages:

3 Dec 1851	Jesse Sanford GORDON-713	MRIN: 1284

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JOHN WHEELER GORDON JR.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-201

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HUSBAND John Wheeler GORDON Jr.-714
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BORN:      1831/1832    PLACE: ,Jones,GA
CHR.:                   PLACE:
DIED:     Oct 1869      PLACE: ,Matagorda,TX
BUR.:                   PLACE: Sorrel Plant.,Wharton,TX
MARR:  22 Nov 1855      PLACE: ,Matagorda,TX
FATHER: John Wheeler GORDON General-709                                 PARENTS' MRIN: 198
MOTHER: Martha Cook SANFORD-710
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WIFE    Frances Amy (Fannie) MCCAMLEY-722
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BORN:  17 Feb 1834      PLACE: New York City,New York,NY
CHR.:                   PLACE:
DIED:  21 Feb 1928      PLACE: Elgin,Bastrop,TX
BUR.:                   PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: Martha Amy (Mattie) GORDON-723
---- BORN:  7 Aug 1856      PLACE: ,Wharton,TX
 F   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED: 13 Aug 1914      PLACE: Cuerero,DeWitt,TX
     BUR.:                  PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX              has other marriage(s)
     SPOUSE: John Gordon "Frenchie" SORREL-476                           MRIN: 202
     MARR: Abt   1875       PLACE:
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 2.  NAME: John W. GORDON-4521
---- BORN: Abt   1858       PLACE: ,,TX
 M   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED: Bef   Sep 1894   PLACE:
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                  PLACE:
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 3.  NAME: Frederick Clarence GORDON-4522
---- BORN: Abt   1864       PLACE: ,,TX
 M   CHR.:                  PLACE:
     DIED: Aft   Sep 1894   PLACE:
     BUR.:                  PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                  PLACE:
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HUSBAND - John Wheeler GORDON Jr.-714

B yr est from 1850 Census (ages 18 & 19) & 1870 Mortality Schedule which gave age at death (Oct 1869) as 38. (In Census was in father's household, student, attended school during yr.)

1853: On 25 June Wharton Co Tax Roll lists Gordon, McCamly & Co owning house lot (location?) worth $1500 w/ $5000 worth of "merchandise aboard" on 1 Jan. Jan. Mar-Oct: In Matagorda Co District Court JW Gordon sued by RGD Mills for debt default [Minute Book B, pp 22,76]; by State of TX (reason?) [ibid, pp 44,55,59]. Gordon, McCamley & Co sued by Thos Smith for debt default [ibid, pp scattered 140-332]. Thus by age 21-2 he was in business w/ future father-in-law &/or member(s) of that family.

8 Oct 1853: JWG indicted along w/ others in card-playing affair that apparently led to Bennett Bell's d [cf his note]. 10 Oct: JWG pleaded guilty; jury fined $10.

1854: JWG Jr living in town of Matagorda. Undated doc in Matagorda Co Courthouse [MWF reported in letter to JMF 18 Oct 1972] describes lot b/n "Fisher & Matagorda Sts in Matagorda Town...where John W Gordon presently resides." 23 Dec 1854: JWG of Matagorda Co sells "SW 1/3 of Block #5 & Bay Tier" & "lots #1 & #6 in Block 5, Tier #1, Matagorda, front of said town" for $1025.

4 Oct 1855: Gordon, McCamley & Co sued by JL Lawson for debt default [Matagorda Co District Court Minute Book B, p 146].

22 Nov 1855: married Frances A McCamley [Matagorda Co Marriages, vol A, TX State Archives; Wharton Co Marriage Bond]. Since McCamley family lived in Matagorda Co, assume m ceremony held there. NOTE: Family name often spelled "McCambly" or "McCamly."

1855 Wharton Co Tax Roll: JWG Jr owned 23 Negroes valued at $13,800 & misc. property incl watch, buggy & wagon; NO land.

7 Jan 1856: John W Gordon Sr conveyed to JWG Jr 1155 acres on left bank of Colorado River NW of & adjoining larger tract Sr had divided among his 4 other children. (EM & Camilla Sanford were his nearest neighbors.) This land extended along what is now Farm Rd 102 to town of Glen Flora & up to hamlet of Spanish Camp. Site of "manor house" prob built by JWG Sr was at NW corner of this lot. Shortly thereafter Jr leased this land back to Sr as security against a $3000 loan. [Wharton Co Deed Book B-1, Deeds 598-600] Cf JMF's "Summary of Gordon/Sanford/Rives/Sorrel Land Transactions," 18 Nov 1994, in Gordon/Sanford File for maps of this transaction.

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HUSBAND John Wheeler GORDON Jr.-714 Yr of Birth 1831
WIFE Frances Amy (Fannie) MCCAMLEY-722 Yr of Birth 1834

ibid, 1858: JWG Jr owned 1370 acres, 53 Negroes; total value $46,055. As agent for WH Rives held 2769 acres & 20 Negroes; total value $43,918.

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4 Oct 1859: Property JWG Jr sold in Matagorda in 1854 reverted back to him by deed this date [Matagorda Co Deed Book J, pp 213-4].

1860 Wharton Co Tax Roll: JWG Jr owned 1347 acres; 54 Negroes; total value $74,675. As agent for WH Rives: 3100 acres; 33 Negroes; total value $99,930.

1860 Census: Careful search of ALL names on original census forms for Wharton & Matagorda Cos by RKF failed to find either JW Gordon Jr & family or JW Gordon Sr. Latter had prob left TX, but JWG Jr & family were certainly there. They must somehow have been missed by census-taker.

June 1861: Enlisted as pvt (along w/ bro Jesse) in Caney Rifles, Mounted Co, Matagorda County, 22nd Brigade, TX Militia, commanded by Capt Edw S Rugeley. Only 2 muster rolls for this 64 man unit in TX State Archives, June & July 1861. JWG Jr listed only in 1st one.

30 Jan 1863: Enlisted as pvt (along w/ bro-in-law RHD Sorrel) in Company of 3 Month State Troops, 22nd Brigade, unattached CSA, commanded by Capt JF Baker. This 68 man unit was "mostly undrilled," had few arms, no uniforms. "Company allowed to return home to subsist themselves w/o pay & to drill weekly until called into active service." Only 2 muster rolls (30 Jan & 28 Feb 1863) suggests men were mustered into Confederate Army early in 1863.

[NOTE: Consolidated List of Men Who Served in Confederate Army (National Archives) shows 21 men named John W Gordon, but only 1 from TX: Pvt JW Gordon Co C, 6th TX Cavalry (Microfilm 323, Roll 38). He enlisted at Dallas 10 Sept 1861. Last of 3 muster rolls in his file (July-Aug 1862) states: "Absent sick at Bentonville, Ark, from 6 Nov 1861. Has never since been heard of. Considered as dead or deserted." It's possible that JWG Jr could have journeyed to Dallas after his brief service in Militia, enlisted there & served 2 mo in 6th Cavalry b/4 becoming sick in AR, deserted, & re-enlisted in Militia in Jan 1863. However, this seems unlikely scenario. Would have been more likely for him to have followed RHDS into Baylor's Cavalry, & CSA service records are so spotty he might have. Most likely he saw no further military service. As owner of >20 slaves, he was exempted by law from CSA draft.]

June 1863: Fannie A & John W Gordon applied for partition & distribution of estate of her father & received generous settlement, particularly 2878 acres in Bexar Co [cf wife's note #722].

Wharton Co Tax Rolls 1861-64: JWG Jr owned same 1347 acres each yr; no. Negroes increased from 65 to 79. Total val of property in 1864 $92,753.

1865 Wharton Co Tax Roll (not dated): JW Gordon (prob Jr because he pd poll tax) owned 1337 acres. "Negroes" no longer on tax form. Total value of

HUSBAND John Wheeler GORDON Jr.-714 Yr of Birth 1831
WIFE Frances Amy (Fannie) MCCAMLEY-722 Yr of Birth 1834

property had falled to $23,030.

9 Dec 1865: Last land transaction by JWG Sr in Wharton Co: JWG Sr to JWG Jr, life estate in tract in Wharton Co on E bank of Colorado River, out of Kuykendall League, containing 1381 acres w/o "power of selling, disposing of or in any manner encumbering the same, & for the love & affection I have for Martha A. Gordon, John W Gordon & Frederick Clarence Gordon, the heirs...of John W Gordon Jr." [Wharton Co Deed Book B, p 737. Way in which his father gave this land; i.e., ensuring his son could not sell or hock it, suggests JWG Sr did not trust JWG Jr financial management--which this record certainly confirms!]

Above land is apparently same tract JWG Jr was listed as owning on Tax Rolls since 1856 because next yr's Tax Roll (1866) lists JWG SR owning 1370 acres worth $20,550 & JWG JR owning NO land & other property valued at only $4370. 1867 Tax Roll listed JWG Jr, as agent for his father, holding 1347 acres worth $19,460. Cf JWG Sr note #709 for possible explanation.

22 April 1866: JWG Jr "of Wharton Co" mortgaged property that reverted back to him in 1859 "together w/ all dwelling houses & all buildings & improvements theron" to Dr Gerard Alexander as security against $2669 note at 10%, to be paid off 1 Jan 1867.

26 April 1866: JWG Jr defendant in 12 suits, all for default of debt, in Wharton Co District Court. "Defendant failed to appear & ordered to pay." [Minute Book B, pp 217-232] In another suit (date not recorded by Moye), MA & G Sorrel (Martha & son Gordon) sued JW & F[annie] Gordon, also apparently for default [Minute Book D, p 68]. JWG Jr appears once as plaintiff: against Sarah Gordon (Jesse's wife; date & reason not recorded by Moye) [Minute Book C, p 328].

JW Gordon SR died in 1868 & tract he owned in 1866-7 evidentally reverted (perhaps by bequest?) to JWG Jr. 1868 Wharton Co Tax Roll: "JW Gordon Jr for Estate of JW Gordon Sr:" 1387 acres worth $4498. 1869 Wharton Co Tax Roll showed JW Gordon owning 1333 acres. Total value of his property had now fallen to $2456!

Oct 1869: "Gordon, John W, Wharton Co, age 38, b GA, murdered." [TX 1870 Mortality, RV Jackson, Ed, AISI, Inc, 1983] According to info MWF found under "References in TX Newspapers" in TX State Archives, Austin [but neither she nor I (in 199) could find actual story in search of papers] he was killed at Caney Creek, near Matagorda. [Caney Creek is dry stream bed, prob old course of Colorado River, that courses thru Wharton & Matagorda Cos.] Nothing else known of circumstances or killer(s). Following description from 1952 obit of JWG's nephew Marcial Sorrel purportedly was of Marcial's bro "Frenchie's" murder, but more likely was of JWG Jr's (if it is true at all; location obviously wrong): "His older brother was shot & killed while riding across a field near Savannah, killed by the ragtag & bobtail that followed close on the heels of the Union Army. The body of the murdered man & the carcas (sic) of the horse he was riding were burned where they fell in the field."

[Thus JWG Jr was another victim of the violent Southern culture, which became even moreso in the disorder following the War. Cf note on his nephew

"Frenchie" Sorrel #476 for documentation.]

Buried in family cemetery on Sorrel Plantation [cf RHD Sorrel #474 note for details].

WIFE - Frances Amy (Fannie) MCCAMLEY-722

B & d dates from Records of Founders & Patriots of Republic of TX, Clayton Genealogical Lib, Houston. Same ref states her father John W McCambley (sic) was b in NY in 1799; d in Matagorda, 1861.

Family name often spelled McCamly (on gravestone) or McCambley. 1860 Census Matagorda Co (enumerate 20 Aug) gives background on her family: #240. Jno M (sic) McCamly 57, planter, real est $16,000, pers prop $38,000, b NY; Sarah F 30, b TN; William 12; John 9; Frederic 6; all children b TX. [From this & info below deduce Fannie's father & mother m in NY, she was born there in 1834, family moved to TX b/n 1834-1840, her mother d b/4 1847, father re-m abt 1847.]

Marriages: 1) JWG Jr 22 Nov 1855 [Matagorda Co Marriages, Vol A, #196, TX State Archives, Austin]; 2) JR Newsom 14 Sept 1873 [Wharton Co Marriages 1848-90, TX State Archives]

18 May 1863: Fannie A & John W Gordon applied for partition & distribution of estate of Fannie's father, John W McCamly (sic), dec'd. Fannie was his only child by his 1st wife, "long since deceased." Subsequently her father remarried & had 3 more children who were still minors in 1863: William Anthony, John Wheeler & Frederick Clarence McCamly. Fannie asked court to give her lands acquired b/4 father's 2nd marriage (some land was "presented by the government of Texas on 11 Dec 1841" to him) & other properties (incl land & slaves) which she claimed had been intended for her as inheritance from her mother. Despite objections by 2nd wife (Sarah Francis McCamly), court agreed to divide estate on 29 June 1869 on terms proposed by Fannie & JWG Jr. She r'c'd 62.5% of tract along Leon Brook in Bexar Co (2878 acres), $1000, piano worth $400, & John McCamly's "dwelling house, Lots 1-6 in Block 7, Tier 3, Matagorda Front, warehouse bldg, office bldg, iron safe." [Matagorda Co Probate Book D, pp 284-286 & 294-98. Copy of original of 294-8 in Gordon File.]

[This judgment prob created lasting resentment & friction b/n McCamley & Gordon families. Know that John M (Wheeler?) McCamley was indicted for murder of JWG'S nephew "Frenchie" Sorrel, who m Fannie & JWG's daugh Mattie. This makes one wonder about unknown killer of JWG Jr. Latter was murdered 3-4 mo after contested division of estate.]

[Note name of Fannie's 2nd half-bro: John Wheeler. Prob named after John W Gordon Jr, who was in business w/ Fannie's father as early as 1853.]

Oct 1869: husb murdered.

1870 Wharton Co Tax Roll: Mrs FA Gordon owned 2 parcels of 1155 & 226 (= 1381) acres valued at $2171.

1870 Census, Beat 1, Wharton Co TX, p 368, enumerated 24 July: Gordon, FA, 33, F, keep house, real estate $7000, pers prop $800, b NY; Mattie A, 13; JW [John

W], 17; FC [Frederic Clarence], 6; all children b TX.

1871 Wharton Co Tax Roll: FA Gordon's holdings still 1381 acres; value $3781.

ibid, 1872: "Gordon, Est. JW:" 1381 acres; $3781. Same listing in 1874 indicates new husb (see below) did not get property, which went to children. Cf son Gordon's note #4521.

14 Sept 1873: she m JR Newsom [Wharton Co Marriages 1848-90, TX State Archives, Austin]

1880 Census: Eagle Lake, Colorado Co, TX (Vol 7, ED 54, sheet 34, line 49): Newsom, Fannie, 45, keeping house; John Gordon, 22, clerk in RR office; Clarence Gordon, 16, clerk in drug store; Rhodman Newsom, Male, 6, place of father's birth, Tenn. [JR Newsom not listed. Dead? B place Tenn all we know about this man.]

CHILD 1 - Martha Amy (Mattie) GORDON-723

Mattie's marriage to her first cousin, Gordon Sorrel, is said to have created a rift in the family. They are said to have eloped, prob in 1875.

It's a poignant memoire of the Reconstuction Era that both her father and her husband were killed, apparently in ambushes.

Cf bro John W Gordon's note [4521] for division of father's land w/ other 2 sibs (her as Mrs RB Huston)

Other marriages:

15 Jan 1878	Robert Bell HUSTON-725	MRIN: 203

CHILD 2 - John W. GORDON-4521

B yr est from age (22) in 1880 Census. No doubt "17" recorded in 1870 Census, but this would he was b. 2 yrs b/4 parents married.

Middle name most likely Wheeler, after father & g-father, but not documented.

Wharton Co Deed Book F, p 286 (1883-4): 3 children of JW Gordon Jr, all living in Colorado Co, TX, divided 1392 acres in Wharton Co which were orig gift from JW Gordon Sr to their father in 1865. Map of tract on p 290 shows location of "manor house" which was prob JWG Sr's home [copy in Gordon/Sanford file].

D date est from fact he was NOT named as next of kin of Camilla Sanford in Sept 1894 while other 2 sibs were [cf Camilla Sanford note 715].

1900 Census, Precinct 9, Wise Co, TX (ED 150, sheet 9, line 91, enum 11 June 1900) lists John W Gordon, farmer, b July 1858, age 41, married 20 yrs, father b MO, mother b TX; wife Rosa, 36, & 6 children ages 2-17. Age is exact match for our John W, but b places of parents do not (should be GA & NY). MIGHT be our John, but I doubt it. (Wise Co is NW of Dallas.) He is not in Soundex index of 1910 Census.

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WIFE Frances Amy (Fannie) MCCAMLEY-722 Yr of Birth 1834

CHILD 3 - Frederick Clarence GORDON-4522

B year & order est from ages (6 & 16) in 1870 & 1880 Censuses.

Cf bro Gordon's note [4521] for division of father's land w/ other 2 sibs

Named as next of kin of Camilla Sanford in Sept 1894 (cf note #715)

Not in Soundex indices of 1900 & 1910 Censuses.

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CAMILLA M. GORDON

[illegible] GORDON [illegible]

BORN: [illegible] PLACE: [illegible]
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: [illegible] PLACE: [illegible]
BUR.: PLACE: [illegible]
MARR.: [illegible] PLACE: [illegible]
FATHER: John William [illegible] GORDON [illegible]
MOTHER: [illegible]

WIFE: Camilla M. [illegible]

BORN: [illegible] PLACE: [illegible]
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FATHER: [illegible]
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HUSBAND Eugene Mandeville SANFORD General-771

BORN: 10 Oct 1833 PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 6 Mar 1890 PLACE: Santa Fe Springs,Los Angeles,CA
BUR.: PLACE: Evergreen Cem.,Los Angeles,CA
MARR: 13 Dec 1854 PLACE: ,Baldwin,GA
FATHER: John William Augustus SANFORD General-754
MOTHER: Marianne Ridley BLOUNT-770 PARENTS' MRIN: 214

WIFE Camilla M. GORDON-715

BORN: Abt 1836/1837 PLACE: ,Jones,GA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 20 May 1894 PLACE: ,Wharton,TX
BUR.: PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX
FATHER: John Wheeler GORDON General-709
MOTHER: Martha Cook SANFORD-710 PARENTS' MRIN: 198

CHILDREN

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Relationship to:

Husband____________________________

Wife____________________________

Date prepared: 17 Jul 1998

HUSBAND - Eugene Mandeville SANFORD General-771

B & m dates from family Bible of John W.A.Sanford in State Archives, Montgomery, AL. (Nancy Lucas to JMF).

1850 Census Baldwin Co. Ga: John W.A.Sanford, farmer, 50; Marianne S, 46; John W.A, 23; Eugene M, 16; Theodore, 14; all b GA.

Attended Oglethorpe U, 1st. Grad. as valedictorian of his class, Union College, Schenectady, NY, 27 July 1853. In letter to bro John from college 2 June 1853 expresses gratitude he was sent away. "I am mortified to think I should have spent so many of my precious moments w/ a girl who is so homely & so common. I have escaped a transaction which if I had entered into it would have damned me forever. When I return home she will be known to your brother only as Miss Mitchell & not Ada." [Note his paternal grandmother was Martha Mitchell. Could Ada Mitchell have been related?]

On return to Milledgeville studied medicine for few months.

M. his 1st cousin Camilla, who lived in adjoining Jones Co, 13 Dec 1854. Letter from bro John to "Dear [maternal] Grandmother Blount" 21 Dec 1854: "My brother Eugene has married a most estimable girl. The more I see of her, the more I am convinced that he has married the girl of all others for him. So far as I am concerned, Judge could not have married one with whom I could have been more pleased. He & his wife are out at Dr. Rives [Camilla's sis Sarah Jane Gordon Rives, who lived in Montgomery AL, ancestor of Nancy Lucas] at present."

Moved to TX shortly after marriage, prob abt time JW Gordon gave land to Camilla in Jan 1856. Appeared in Wharton Co Tax Roll for 1st time in 1856, owning 1107 acres val at $13,284 & 42 Negroes val at $21,000. Paid poll tax $1.

Wharton Co Tax Rolls 1857-61: owned same land; no. of Negroes incr to 66. Total val property in 1861 $60,590. Prob during these yrs built "Glen Flora" [cf wife's note 715].

1860 Census Wharton Co. TX: E.M.Sandford (sic), 26, planter, real est. val. $30,000, pers. prop. val. $70,000, b GA; C.M.Sandford (sic), 24, b GA.

July 1861: Enlisted as 4th Sgt, Home Guards, Reserve Cavalry Co, Wharton County, TX State Troops. (His cousin Benjamin enlisted at same time as pvt.) Only 1 muster roll for this 50 man Co in TX State Archives so duration of service not known, prob only few months at most. As owner of 20 slaves, he was exempt by law from CSA draft.

Consolidated List of Men Who Served in Confederate Army in National Archives contains no Eugene or Benjamin Sanford but there were 2 Sanfords without 1st names who served in TX units. All regimental return cards for _____ Sanford, Sgt, Co D, 33rd TX Cavalry, May-Aug 1864, contain same note: "Detached service, Green's Rocket Battery, April 30/64." [Known from another source a "Lt. AWH Sanford" joined this battery abt same time. This might possible have been

Eugene's bro JWA Sanford. Cf "Civil War & Its Aftermath in Texas" in Gordon/Sanford file.] Close relationship b/n 33rd Cavalry & Benavidas' Regt TX Cavalry (cf above reference & Sorrel/Gordon Notes, p 16 for details) suggests "Sgt. Sanford" may have been either Eugene or Benjamin. Their cousin Jesse Sanford Gordon was capt in Benavidas' Regt. Regimental return card for ______ Sanford, Pvt, Co G, Bourland's TX Cavalry, July 1864, contains notation: "Absent...To lay in supplies for his family." [No way to tell if this man was Eugene or Benjamin or another Sanford, possibly Wm or James?]

Thus cannot be sure whether or not Eugene had any military service aft 1861. Note his general's commission was political, given many yrs later in CA (cf below).

1862 Wharton County Tax Roll: owned same 1107 acres; 64 Negroes; total val property $64,145.

ibid, 1863-64: acreage increased to 1111; Negroes to 70; total value in 1864 $81,660.

ibid 1865: owned 1111 acres; total val property had fallen to $20,270. ("Negroes" no longer on tax form.) Last time listed on tax rolls.

April 1866 (? Moye did not record date): EM Sanford defendant in 2 suits for debt default [Wharton Co District Court Minute Book B, pp 254, 269.] Sold all property 26 April (cf wife's note 715). Quite likely this suit & sale were connected.

"In 1867 he [& Camilla, they had no children] came, by steamer route, to California, & landed in San Francisco, where he lived for a short time, after which he came to Los Angeles County & purchased 500 acres of the ex-Governor Downey tract, where he has made vast imporvements & where he has one of the most beautiful locations for a home that can be found within the bounds of the county. This is known as the 'Sunny Side Rancho,' & from the residence, among the evergreens, one has a magnificent view over fertile valleys & fruitful fields....At this time [1889] there are about 400 acres of his farm in small grain, and the fine horses, cattle, etc., that he raises all go to show that he is a leader in this industry. In 1876...William Irvin, Governor of California, [commissioned him] Brigadier-General of the First Brigade, National Guards....[He was nominated] to the Senate by the Democratic party in 1879." (From "Illustrated History of LA County," 1884, p 800.) [Cf. Oct 1991 notes on LA in Wicks/Jarvis Genealogy Notes for exact location of Sunnyside, background on it & surrounding estates, & present status of this land. Photos of area, past & present, in Gordon/Sanford file.]

10 Sept 1879: Letter from bro JWA Sanford to bro Theodore Sanford: "I fear from the Telegrams that Eugene has been defeated. They indicate that the Radicals & Hoodlums have full control of the State." [Refers to above nomination]

Town where he purchased land was originally Fulton Wells; renamed Santa Fe Springs abt 1886 when Santa Fe RR built main line thru town ["From Fulton Wells to Santa Fe Springs," J. DaRold, pamphlet, in Gordon/Sanford file].

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WIFE Camilla M. GORDON-715 Yr of Birth 1836

8 Mar 1889: Letter to M. Ridley Sanford, Blountsville, Jones Co, GA, asking "My dear niece" for news of herself & Eugene (these were 2 children of bro Theodore #4876). "Your Aunt (Camilla) is recovering. Her hair is perfectly white. My hair is black w/ a sprinkling of gray. My beard is quite white."

1 April 1889: (same addressee) "Your Aunt Camilla suffers from nervousness. ...Doctor says it is not good for her to write. She does not even wirte her sister Martha Sorrel." [All 3 of these letters copied in MWF notes of 7 May 1969 in Gordon/Sanford file.]

He is b. in Evergreen Cemetery near the Wicks family plot.

His estate papers (Case #149, 3 May 1893) are in Superior Court Records, LA County Archives, have NOT be examined & should be. Don't know if he had a will. Plot map his Sunnyside property after he died [copy in Gordon/Sanford file] labeled "Heirs of EM Sanford." Who were they?

WIFE - Camilla M. GORDON-715

B. date est. from ages given in 1850 Census Matagorda & Wharton Cos, TX, 13 & 14; 1860 Census (cf. Eugene Sanford #771), 24.

Completed her education at "Lexington" in late 1852 or early 1853. Letter 26 Feb 1853 from John WA Sanford, Jr to his "Dear Grandmother" [Blount]: "Uncle Gordon [John W. Gordon] passed here on his way to Georgia a few days ago...His stay in Georgia will be short for he expects to meet Aunt [Martha Cook Sanford Gordon] in Orleans (on her way from Kentucky to Texas) in a few days. They will carry with them Camilla, their youngest child, who has just completed her education at Lexington."

M. her 1st cousin 13 Dec 1854 (Marriage Bond, Baldwin Co. Ga.). Rev. Sam'l Talmage ("Judge" in letter in Eugene Sanford notes?) officiated. Sometime in next 12 mo they moved to join both of their families in Wharton Co, TX.

Portrait of her as young woman (color copy in Gordon/Sanford file) shows she was quite beautiful.

7 Jan 1856: John W Gordon of Wharton Co "in consideration of the natural love & affection which I bear to my daughter Camilla M Sanford, wife of Eugene M Sanford," of Wharton Co, for $100 conveys to her 1195 acres (Lot 1) of his plantation + 41 slaves. [Wharton Co Deed Book B, p 89] She & husb immediately mortgaged land back to her father to secure $3000 loan [ibid, p 91].

On this land they built stately, high-ceilinged, 2 story house,"Glen Flora," 1 mi N of intersection of FM 102 & FM 640 near Spanish Camp. Historical marker states it was "built by a Mr Sanford, 1860-1866." [Unlikely it was built during Civil War & certainly not immediately after War. They prob built it b/n 1856-1861 (cf husb's note). Freymann bros & Frank Sorrel Jr explored it Oct 1992. It was deserted, hidden in dense undergrowth, & literally falling apart. 2 porch pillars fallen; porch collapsing. In 1993, what was left burned to ground. Freymann bros & wives explored again in 1994. 1967 newspaper photo, 1992 & 1994 photos in Sanford/Gordon File.]

HUSBAND Eugene Mandeville SANFORD General-771 Yr of Birth 1833
WIFE Camilla M. GORDON-715 Yr of Birth 1836

26 April 1866: they sold their 1195 acres & Glen Flora for $12,000 to Louisa J Millican [Wharton Co Deed Book B-1, p 592]. This may have been forced by 2 suits for debt default brought against them that same month (cf husb's note 771). Or perhaps they sold in anticipation of leaving. Whatever the reason, they decided in 1st months after War ended to start life over again in CA.

According to family lore, she & Eugene went around Cape Horn to reach Calif. in 1867. [This could have been "steamer route" mentioned in Eugene's bio (cf. #771 notes). Perhaps more likely "steamer route" meant steamer to Panama, crossing Isthmus by Panama Railroad (opened in 1855), thence by steamer to San Francisco.]

19 Mar 1890 [letter from M(?)GS Gardner in Augusta GA to "My Dear Cousin"] sends sympathy on d of Camilla's husb. "Cousin Mattie [must be Martha Sorrel] is home with you..." indicates how close only 2 survivors of JWG's family remained until they died. [Transcript in Gordon File; contains many Sanford family references & JMF's analysis of who some of them were.]

D. 20 May 1894 in Wharton Co. TX & was buried in Sorrel plot in Wharton City Cemetery. She was intestate & still resident of CA. [Quite likely she was visiting her sis Martha.] Her estate documents are in Case #626, 12 June 1894, Superior Court Records, LA County Archives. These have NOT been examined & should be.

Letters of Administration, 20 May 1894, Wicks & Wicks & McDonald of LA, petitioners, request that Martha E Sorrel, only surviving sis of Camilla G Sanford, be appointed executrix. Martha Sorrel so appointed 6 July 1894. [Baldwin Co Minute Book, 1892, p 123]

11 Sept 1894: Wm. H. Rives, thru atty, John W. Sanford, petitions to be made Admin. of Camilla's estate. Names as next of kin: W.H.Rives, Geo. Rives, Mattie Rives, J.G.Rives, Duncan Gordon, Mrs. Mattie H. Huston & Clarence Gordon, all nephews & nieces, plus James Gordon & Camilla Gordon, grand nephew & grand niece. [Baldwin Co, GA Records]

3 (10?) Dec 1894: Martha E. Sorrel appt. Admin. & given permission to sell 925 acres on E. side of Oconee River in Baldwin Co, GA. Camilla also owned 1,150 acres in Laurens Co [S of Baldwin Co].

1898: Martha Sorrel d; because Camilla's estate not yet closed, W.R.Bell petitions that he be appointed executor.

CHILDREN OF JOHN WILLIAM AUGUSTUS SANFORD

JOHN W. A., Jr.

EUGENE M. (See CAMILLA M. GORDON)

THEODORE G.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1353

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HUSBAND John William Augustus SANFORD Jr.-4872
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BORN:    30 Nov 1825          PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
CHR.:                         PLACE:
DIED:     7 Aug 1913          PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
BUR.:                         PLACE:
MARR:     7 Mar 1860          PLACE:
FATHER: John William Augustus SANFORD General-754                    PARENTS' MRIN: 214
MOTHER: Marianne Ridley BLOUNT-770
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WIFE    Sallie Maria TAYLOR-4877
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FATHER:
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CHILDREN
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FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1353
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20 Mar 1997

HUSBAND John William Augustus SANFORD Jr.-4872 Yr of Birth 1825
WIFE Sallie Maria TAYLOR-4877 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - John William Augustus SANFORD Jr.-4872

In letter addressed to "Dear Grandmother" [Blount] dated Cambridge, 11 July 1849, gave address as Harvard Law School. Referring to Judge Parker, head of the School: "He hs no more manners than a drayman. I am reminded that you say low breeding sticks as close as the leporosy."

6 April 1861: wrote Grandmother Blount from Montgomery, AL, that he was a candidate for the Confederate Congress.

19 June 1877(9?): wrote his mother on stationery of Alabama Atty General; mentioned wife Sally, son John.

[Above copied from MWF note of 7 May 1969 in file.]

WIFE - Sallie Maria TAYLOR-4877

CHILD 1 - John William Augustus SANFORD III-4878

He m Minnie Smoot [JMF]

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HUSBAND: [illegible]

Theodore Gordon Sanford

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DIED: PLACE: [illegible]
BUR: [illegible] PLACE:
FATHER: [illegible]
MOTHER: [illegible]

WIFE: [illegible]

BORN: PLACE:
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MOTHER:

CHILDREN

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Prepared by:

Address____________________

City____________________ [illegible]

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1354

HUSBAND Theodore Gordon SANFORD-4876

BORN: 30 Aug 1835 PLACE: ,,GA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 15 Dec 1896 PLACE: Milledgeville,Baldwin,GA
BUR.: PLACE: Memory Hill Cem.,Milledgeville,GA
MARR: 13 Jan 1863 PLACE:
FATHER: John William Augustus SANFORD General-754 PARENTS' MRIN: 214
MOTHER: Marianne Ridley BLOUNT-770

WIFE Mary SANFORD-4879

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Marianne Ridley SANFORD-4880
---- BORN: 1864 PLACE:
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME: Eugene Mandeville SANFORD-4881
---- BORN: 1867 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
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4. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
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MARR: PLACE:

Relationship to:

Husband______________________________

Wife______________________________ Date prepared: 20 Mar 1997

HUSBAND Theodore Gordon SANFORD-4876 Yr of Birth 1835
WIFE Mary SANFORD-4879 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - Theodore Gordon SANFORD-4876

Cannot establish relationship of wife Mary Sanford. Prob a cousin.

B & d dates from tombstone, which notes he served in Co H, 4th GA (infantry?). Letters from bros John WA & Eugene (cf their notes) indicate he lived all his life in or near Blountsville, Jones Co, GA.

10 Sept 1879: Bro John WA Sanford Jr wrote from Montgomery, AL, asking him to ascertain from Baldwin Co records when their grandfather "Capt Jesse Sanford" obtained land in Laurens Co "for which we are suing." Referred to their mother's recent death, Theodore's wife Sally & dau Ridley.

12 Nov 1879: JWA Jr wrote again about Theodore's bankruptcy. "I don't know what will become of you or will become of the house. From improvidence & confidence in unprincipled men it seems to me you are ruined." JWA regretted he authorized Theodore to sell his interest in Laurens Co property. [Both copied from MWF notes of 7 May 1969 in file.]

WIFE - Mary SANFORD-4879

CHILD 1 - Marianne Ridley SANFORD-4880

CHILD 2 - Eugene Mandeville SANFORD-4881

CHILD OF THOMAS GOODWYN SANFORD

BENJAMIN T.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1351

HUSBAND Benjamin J. SANFORD-4865

BORN: 1830 PLACE: ,,GA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft 1874 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 27 May 1865 PLACE: ,Wharton,TX
FATHER: Thomas Goodwyn SANFORD-751
MOTHER: Sarah B. JOURDON-4833

PARENTS' MRIN: 1340

WIFE Anna M. ARRINGTON-4869

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 19 Jun 1916 PLACE: Glenflora,Wharton,TX
BUR.: PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
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SPOUSE:
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3. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
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MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

Relationship to:

Husband____________________________

Wife____________________________

Date prepared: 20 Mar 1997

HUSBAND Benjamin J. SANFORD-4865 Yr of Birth 1830
WIFE Anna M. ARRINGTON-4869 Yr of Birth

HUSBAND - Benjamin J. SANFORD-4865

Went to TX along w/ his family, about time John W. Gordon bought land in Wharton Co. Benjamin was abt 19.

1850 Census: age 20, occupation "law" (cf father's note 751)

1853 Wharton Co Tax Roll: Paid poll tax 50 cents; owned no property.

ibid, 1859-60: Paid poll taxes $1. Father had prob paid in intervening yrs (cf his note).

ibid, 1861: BD (sic) Sanford owned 453 acres; 41 Negroes; total val property $41,615. (Land presumably inherited from his father.)

Enlisted as pvt, Home Guards, Reserve Cavalry Co, Wharton Co, TX State Troops, in July 1861. His cousin Eugene Sanford was 4th sgt in same unit. Cf latter's note (771) for more info on service in CSA.

4th Regt of Cavalry, TX State Troops (6 months) "...was organized 7 Aug 1863." Members include _____ Sanford, Pvt, Co I. Regt Returns for Dec 1863 & Jan 1864 note "Absent sick since Nov 5." He is better identified on printed parole form: Parole #601, done at Houston, 27 June 1865. Signed: B.C(?) Sanford. [2nd initial might be "O"] Written under signature in same handwriting: "Private, Co I, 26th Texas Infantry." In different hand: "Hill County, Texas." [From Confederate Service Records, Roll 31, National Archives] [26th TX Infantry must be unit this man joined when 6 mo term of his militia regt expired, presumably abt Feb 1864. This MIGHT be Benjamin J Sanford, altho middle initial in signature looks more like C or O. Moreover, Hill Co notation makes this unlikely, if that's where he returned after War, b/c Hill Co is just S of Dallas, long way from Wharton Co.]

1862-63 Wharton Co Tax Rolls: 453 acres; 41 Negroes; total value in 1863 $38.595.

ibid, 1864: Owned 1203 acres; 45 Negroes; total value $44,600.

ibid, 1865: Owned 3 parcels of 500, 750 & 150 (= 1400) acres; total value property had fallen to $13,725.

M date: MWF notes of 17 June 1969 [in file].

12 Feb 1866: "I...Benjamin J. Sanford...for $904 paid by Anna M Sanford [my] wife...out of her separate money...have...sold...unto said Anna M Sanford all my right, title...to my 1/3 share & interest in undivided reamining half of tract conveyed by John W Gordon to my father Thomas G Sanford in his lifetime...4 Jan 1856 in Wharton Co [Wharton Co, TX, Deed Book B, p 577].

1866 Wharton Co Tax Roll (compiled 25 Aug): holdings down to 455 acres, reflecting above sale; total value down to $8185.

ibid, 1867: 456 acres; total value $$15,645.

ibid, 1868-70: Owned 2 parcels of 112 & 1209 (=1321) acres; incr possibly land bought from or given by bro James (cf James' note 4867). Value (land only) in 1870 $1489.

ibid, 1871-72: Owned 2 parcels of 112 & 1656 (=1768) acres; total value $4322 in 1871.

1870 Census, TX, Wharton Co: could not find either Benjamin or his wife, altho his listing in 1870 Tax Roll indicates they must have been there.

1874 Wharton Co Tax Roll: owned 1716 acres; total value of property $3288. This was last definite listing. I could not find ANY Gordon, Sorrel or Sanford in 1875 Roll. Benjamin was NOT in 1876 Roll.

Wife remarried in 1872 or 78 (MWF note gave 2 dates) but above proves he was still alive in 1874. Therefore he must have d. aft 1874 & his wife re-married in 1878.

WIFE - Anna M. ARRINGTON-4869

Her parents were Gen Joseph E Arrington & M.J. ______. Info from gravestone

She m 1) _____ Smith; 2) Benjamin Sanford; 3) JC Battle, 3 Dec 1878.

MWF notes 17 June 1969 (in file): "I distinctly remember this woman whom we addressed as Cousin Annie. I recall too that she had been m 3 times; that she was so old & wrinkled we thought she must have been as old as God! In Austin Archives we came across record of her marriage...JC Battle to Mrs Anna Sanford 3 Dec 1872 (or 1878). Altho her niece, Alice Arrington of Mobile, AL, m Duncan Gordon, son of Jesse Gordon & grandson of John W Gordon, I believe we called her Cousin b/c of her Sanford marriage."

M date from above note (cf husb's note #4865 for choice of 1878). No known issue by Benjamin Gordon.

D date & place: Wharton Co Probate Book J, p 103. W.G.Gordon temp administrator

Will, dated 3 July 1915. All property left to great nephew WG Gordon, son of her niece Alice Arrington Gordon. This included 850 acres in Kuykendall League, E of Colorado River in Wharton Co, worth $65/acre; 150 acres in Hale Co, AL, valued at $20 (sic) [Wharton Co Probate Book J, p 261].

CHILDREN OF SARAH JANE + WILLIAM H. RIVES

WILLIAM HENRY RIVES JR.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1285

HUSBAND William Henry RIVES Jr.-721

BORN: 1 Jan 1854 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 16 May 1922 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 3 Dec 1879 PLACE: New Orleans,Orleans,LA
FATHER: William Henry RIVES Doctor-717 PARENTS' MRIN: 200
MOTHER: Sarah Jane GORDON-712

WIFE Alice Bloodworth TAYLOR-4525

BORN: 28 May 1856 PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 10 Oct 1943 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Janie Louise RIVES-4885
---- BORN: 1880 PLACE:
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME: Ellen RIVES-4886
---- BORN: 1882 PLACE:
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME: William Gordon RIVES-4888
---- BORN: 1885 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME: Tom Christopher RIVES Brig. Gen.-4526
---- BORN: 3 Dec 1892 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft 1973 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Annie Hollan SPANN-4527 MRIN: 1286
MARR: 5 Dec 1917 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL

Phone:

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HUSBAND William Henry RIVES Jr.-721                                            Yr of Birth 1854
WIFE    Alice Bloodworth TAYLOR-4525                                           Yr of Birth 1856
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CHILDREN (continued)
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 5.  NAME: Richard Taylor RIVES-4887
---- BORN:        1893          PLACE:
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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HUSBAND	William Henry RIVES Jr.-721	Yr of Birth 1854
WIFE	Alice Bloodworth TAYLOR-4525	Yr of Birth 1856

HUSBAND - William Henry RIVES Jr.-721

WIFE - Alice Bloodworth TAYLOR-4525

CHILD 1 - Janie Louise RIVES-4885

CHILD 2 - Ellen RIVES-4886

CHILD 3 - William Gordon RIVES-4888

CHILD 4 - Tom Christopher RIVES Brig. Gen.-4526

CHILD 5 - Richard Taylor RIVES-4887

CHILD OF JESSE SANFORD GORDON

DUNCAN

HUSBAND Duncan GORDON-4524

BORN: 1853 PLACE: ` ,,TX
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1911 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX
MARR: PLACE:
FATHER: Jesse Sanford GORDON-713 PARENTS' MRIN: 1284
MOTHER: Sarah "Sally" Jane DUNCAN-4523

WIFE Alice ARRINGTON-4883

BORN: 1856 PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1945 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Jessie GORDON-4889
---- BORN: PLACE:
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME: William G. GORDON-4884
---- BORN: 1879 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1956 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME: Sally GORDON-4890
---- BORN: PLACE:
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
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Phone:

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1356
DOCUMENTATION

HUSBAND Duncan GORDON-4524 Yr of Birth 1853
WIFE Alice ARRINGTON-4883 Yr of Birth 1856

HUSBAND - Duncan GORDON-4524

B & d dates from tombstone.

1867 Matagorda Co Tax Roll lists him w/ Jno (?) Duncan, agt (prob his uncle), owning 2 parcels of 1750 & 425 acres; total value of property $10,875. [He was only 14 at that time.] In 1868 he owned same property w/o agent; value had fallen to $6525.

By 1870 (age 17), Census shows he was prob no longer in mother's household.

Know from adjoining tombstones he m Alice Arrington (1856-1945); that they had son William G Gordon (Sr) (1879-1956) who m Parthenia _____ (1886-1976). Latter couple had 2 children: William G Gordon Jr (1913-1930) & Mary Ann Gordon (1907-1909).

WIFE - Alice ARRINGTON-4883

B & d dates from tombstone

She was niece of Anna M Arrington (Aunt Annie Battle) 4869. She must have been dau of a bro of Anna. Buried in same plot is "M.A.Arrington, 1856-1891." Prob was twin bro or sis.

CHILD 1 - Jessie GORDON-4889

Her name & sis Sally's from JMF; also b order

CHILD 2 - William G. GORDON-4884

He was executor of Anna M. Arrington Battle's will (cf note #4869)

He m Parthenia _____, 1886-1976. Children: Mary Ann Gordon, 1907-09; William G. Gordon Jr, 1913-1930.

All 3 generations buried in same plot in Wharton City Cemetery. This is source of names, b & d dates.

CHILD 3 - Sally GORDON-4890

CHILD OF JOHN WHEELER GORDON JR.

MARTHA AMY (m. 1) JOHN GORDON SORREL
(see SORREL Genealogy)
2) ROBERT BELL HUSTON

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-203

HUSBAND Robert Bell HUSTON-725

BORN: 3 Oct 1849 PLACE: ,,AL
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 14 Aug 1924 PLACE: Houston,Harris,TX
BUR.: PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX
MARR: 15 Jan 1878 PLACE: Columbus,Colorado,TX
FATHER:
MOTHER:

WIFE Martha Amy (Mattie) GORDON-723

BORN: 7 Aug 1856 PLACE: ,Wharton,TX
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 13 Aug 1914 PLACE: Cuerero,DeWitt,TX
BUR.: PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX
FATHER: John Wheeler GORDON Jr.-714
MOTHER: Frances Amy (Fannie) MCCAMLEY-722

has other marriage(s)
PARENTS' MRIN: 201

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Claire Camille HUSTON-726
---- BORN: 12 Feb 1882 PLACE: Columbus,Colorado,TX
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME: Lamar HUSTON-4721
---- BORN: 1884 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1920 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME: Fannie Bell HUSTON-727
---- BORN: 1887 PLACE:
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1939 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE: City Cemetery,Wharton,TX
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME: Annie Laurie HUSTON-728
---- BORN: PLACE:
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

Relationship to:

Husband____________________________

Wife____________________________

Date prepared: 20 Mar 1997

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-203

HUSBAND Robert Bell HUSTON-725 Yr of Birth 1849
WIFE Martha Amy (Mattie) GORDON-723 Yr of Birth 1856

CHILDREN (continued)

5. NAME: Winnie HUSTON-729
---- BORN: PLACE:
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-203
DOCUMENTATION

HUSBAND Robert Bell HUSTON-725 Yr of Birth 1849
WIFE Martha Amy (Mattie) GORDON-723 Yr of Birth 1856

HUSBAND - Robert Bell HUSTON-725

B, d & m dates from "Founders & Patriots of Republic of Texas," Clayton Genealogical Library, Houston. Children from JMF

24 Nov 1879: As guardian of his 3 yr old step-dau Gordon Sorrel, filed claim against estate of Francis Sorrel, said she, as heir thru her father Gordon, was entitled to part of $1250 promissary note Claxton Sorrel had made in 1869 & never paid. Apparently did this is conjunction with Martha Sorrel, who filed same claim 4 days earlier. Claim was dismissed.

WIFE - Martha Amy (Mattie) GORDON-723

Mattie's marriage to her first cousin, Gordon Sorrel, is said to have created a rift in the family. They are said to have eloped, prob in 1875.

It's a poignant memoire of the Reconstuction Era that both her father and her husband were killed, apparently in ambushes.

Cf bro John W Gordon's note [4521] for division of father's land w/ other 2 sibs (her as Mrs RB Huston)

Other marriages:
Abt 1875 John Gordon "Frenchie" SORREL-476 MRIN: 202

CHILD 1 - Claire Camille HUSTON-726

She m. 1) Cecil Leslie Crocket; 2) James Glen Faubion (20 Apr 1880 - 24 Feb 1912). Latter is buried next to her in City Cemetery, Wharton: "To my beloved husband...the memory shall be my guiding star." [B date & 1st marriage from "Founders & Patriots of Republic of Texas," Clayton Geneal Lib, Houston.

According to Katherine Knapp Sorrel, "Mrs. Claire Faubion tried to break the will of Uncle Douglass (RHD Sorrel Jr)." However, JMF says he d. intestate.

They had 1 son, Huston Faubion (17 June 1902 - 24 Sept 1926). Grave beside parents': "Just in the dawn of his love & manhood he died a martyr."

They had 1 dau, Glen Eyrie Faubion, b 1907, who m 1) ____ Stringer; 2) Lewis H Boyd [per JMF]

CHILD 2 - Lamar HUSTON-4721

B & d yrs from gravestone: "Only & Beloved Son of Mr & Mrs RB Huston"

CHILD 3 - Fannie Bell HUSTON-727

B & d dates from tombstone. She m Mr Hill.

CHILD 4 - Annie Laurie HUSTON-728

She m. a Mr. Jones

CHILD 5 - Winnie HUSTON-729

CHILD OF WILLIAM HENRY RIVES JR.

TOM CHRISTOPHER RIVES

FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1286

24 Apr 1993

HUSBAND Tom Christopher RIVES-4526

BORN: 3 Dec 1892 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft 1973 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 5 Dec 1917 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
FATHER: William Henry RIVES Jr.-721 PARENTS' MRIN: 1285
MOTHER: Alice Bloodworth TAYLOR-4525

WIFE Annie Hollan SPANN-4527

BORN: 11 Feb 1896 PLACE: ,Etowah,AL
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: Aft 1973 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Annie Stuart (Nancy) RIVES-4528
---- BORN: 18 Jul 1920 PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: John Spencer LUCAS Jr.-4531 MRIN: 1287
MARR: 21 Sep 1942 PLACE: Fort Myer,,VA

2. NAME: Jane Louise RIVES-4529
---- BORN: 12 Jul 1924 PLACE: Longbranch,,NJ
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

3. NAME: Mary Elizabeth Eveleigh RIVES-4530
---- BORN: 28 Dec 1925 PLACE: Longbranch,,NJ
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

4. NAME:
---- BORN: PLACE:
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FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1286
DOCUMENTATION

HUSBAND	Tom Christopher RIVES-4526	Yr of Birth 1892
WIFE	Annie Hollan SPANN-4527	Yr of Birth 1896

HUSBAND - Tom Christopher RIVES-4526

WIFE - Annie Hollan SPANN-4527

CHILD 1 - Annie Stuart (Nancy) RIVES-4528

Nancy Lucas is source of much valuable material on Sanford & Gordon families

CHILD 2 - Jane Louise RIVES-4529

She m Albert Edwin Ninde 24 Sept 1950 at Dayton OH. 1 son: John Albert Ninde, b 23 Sept 1951.

CHILD 3 - Mary Elizabeth Eveleigh RIVES-4530

She m Cecil Wellington Sanders Jr 8 Jan 1944 at Alexandria VA.

Issue: Tom Rives Sanders, b 1 Jan 1945; Mary Elizabeth Eveleigh Sanders, b 8 Oct 1947

CHILD OF TOM CHRISTOPHER RIVES

ANNIE STUART (NANCY) (M. JOHN S. LUCAS JR)

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                                   FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1287
24 Apr 1993
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HUSBAND John Spencer LUCAS Jr.-4531
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BORN:   20 Apr 1916         PLACE: Gibbsboro,,NJ
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:                       PLACE:
BUR.:                       PLACE:
MARR:   21 Sep 1942         PLACE: Fort Myer,,VA
FATHER:
MOTHER:
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WIFE    Annie Stuart (Nancy) RIVES-4528
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BORN:   18 Jul 1920         PLACE: Montgomery,Montgomery,AL
CHR.:                       PLACE:
DIED:                       PLACE:
BUR.:                       PLACE:
FATHER: Tom Christopher RIVES-4526
MOTHER: Annie Hollan SPANN-4527                                 PARENTS' MRIN: 1286
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CHILDREN
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 1.  NAME: John Spencer LUCAS III-4532
---- BORN: 19 Nov 1950          PLACE: St Petersburg,,FL
 M   CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 2.  NAME:
---- BORN:                      PLACE:
     CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
     SPOUSE:
     MARR:                      PLACE:
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 3.  NAME:
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     CHR.:                      PLACE:
     DIED:                      PLACE:
     BUR.:                      PLACE:
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FAMILY GROUP RECORD-1287
DOCUMENTATION

HUSBAND	John Spencer LUCAS Jr.-4531	Yr of Birth 1916
WIFE	Annie Stuart (Nancy) RIVES-4528	Yr of Birth 1920

HUSBAND - John Spencer LUCAS Jr.-4531

Son of JSL Sr & Marguerite Katherine Webster.

2 oldest children adopted in infancy: James Joseph Lucas, b 9 Dec 1950; Mary Christopher Lucas, b 17 Feb 1947.

WIFE - Annie Stuart (Nancy) RIVES-4528

Nancy Lucas is source of much valuable material on Sanford & Gordon families

CHILD 1 - John Spencer LUCAS III-4532

He m Alice Lane Tindall 22 April 1972 at York SC

Issue: John Spencer Lucas IV, b 16 Nov 1972 at Charlotte NC